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Labour faithful hail leader's oratory as Heseltine mocks his tax policy

Kinnock pledges to banish fear

BY PHILIP WEBSTER. CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

IN A rousing speech to the Labour party faithful in Scotland yesterday, Neil Kinnock pledged to transform Britain by investing in a solid economy and by working to build a society in which people need not fear unemployment and

He opened Labour's election campaign with a con-demnation of what he called the sourness and selfishness, the staleness and the stagnation of the Conservative years. Labour's programme would, he said, build a "strength that

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He told the Scottish Labour conference in Edinburgh that the party's spending priorities, which will be outlined in the shadow Budget plan-next week, would be health care, education, training, and helping the old, poor and children. They would "invest, invest, invest" to strengthen the economy and give people their full opportunities in life.

A Labour government would offer industry incentives to speed up investment cuts and invest in capita works for the health service, education and housebuilding. He said Labour would also introduce private finance for public railway projects.

His confidence boosted by esterday's Times/Mori opinion poll, which gave Labour a three-point lead and indicated that the Budget had failed to turn the tide for the government, Mr Kinnock was given a hero's reception as he and his wife, Glenys, were led into Edinburgh's Meadowbank Centre by a band piping Scotland the Brave.

A Gallup 9000 survey published in The Daily Tele-graph today puts Labour one point ahead of the Conservatives. The poll, conducted before the Budget, gives Labour 38 per cent, the Tories 37 per cent, and the Liberal Democrats 20 per cent. A Harris poll published in today's Daily Express gives Labour 40 per cent support, with the Tories on 39 per cent.

The Labour leader said that the government had miscalculated when it introduced a Budget and emphasised that Labour would invest in Britain's recovery rather than



The game's afoot. Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, gets into his campaigning stride in London yesterday before rallying Conservative party workers in Torquay with a barnstorming rendering of "Labour's charge of the tax brigade"

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borrow to make tax cuts. He called the Budgeta "£2 billion. flon" and said neople-sie

The Chancellor's package had done nothing to promote recovery, to stimulate industry, to strengthen health or education, to promote training or to improve childcare. The Tories had not recognised the existence of women either. "All the British people got was debt buried at them in the form of a tax cut."

He brought the conference to its feet when he promised that Labour would work to free people from fear. "We want people to be free of fear of falling III, free of fear of walking the dark streets at night, free of fear of being old and lonely," he said.

"Fear of such a terrible cloying grip on imagination, enterprise and creativity. It freezes people's ability. It disables country and community. It is the enemy of all. What distinguishes us in in this party is that we are not just appalled by fear, we don't just criticise it or recoil from it, we say we have got to do some-thing practical to get rid of fear from the streets, the

home and the workplace. "That is why we will fight the recession, we will fight unemployment. We will use resources properly and give priority to the old, poor, to children, health care and the education system."

With Labour determined to stop Scottish National Party, advance in its heartlands, Mr Kinnock coupled his strongest endorsement yet of devo-lution with a firm commitment to the union. He promised to take Scotland forward with a new parliament elected by a form of proportional representation. But he said

that while the Tories wrongly believed there was no need to take account of the democratic message coming from Scot-land, the Nationalists wrongly claimed that the rest of Britain was of no account to Scotland.

As Mr Kinnock spoke, senior Conservatives were firing their opening salvoes at a conference of party workers in Torquay, Michael Heseltine, the environment secre-

light Brigade into the Rus-sian guns at Balaciava has there ever been anything like it. Taxes to the left of them. sames to the right of them. Into the valley of taxes rode Labour," he said The prime minister will argue today that, far from changing Britain, the Opposition would

"short change" some of the most needy sectors of society. He will tell the Torquay con-ference that Labour would provide "short change for pensioners as savings shrank. short change for working people as taxes rose, and short change for homeowners as interest rates soared".

☐ Mounting concern in fi-nancial markets over the outcome of the election left the pound, government stocks and shares lower. The FT-SE 100 index, which fell 17.3 points to close at 2,476.0, has dropped by 98.8 points since the Budget. Sterling closed half a pfenning down at DM2.8543, giving a fall of 1.57 pfennigs on the week.



Kinnock: condemned Tory "selfishness"

Major to campaign **Gulf-style**

Although the prime minister won't meet his rivals he will meet the people, reports Robin Oakley

An audience sented in the Amund will openion the "Not since the charge of the prime minister freely for almost an hour tomocrow in a format modelled on the informal gatherings of young sol-diers that he faced in the Saudi Arabian desert during the Gulf war. It is the first of half-a-dozen such "Meet John Major" sessions that the Conservatives are unveiling as the centre-piece of their

election strategy. The prime minister so relished the desert sessions that he told party planners: "I wish I could campaign like that." The Central Office strategists set to work to create the nearest version that would permit the events to be shared with a television audience. At a cost of nearly £500,000, a set has been cre-ated which will travel round the country by pantechnicon

to five or six locations. Venues will be kept secret for security reasons but the first is expected to be in the Home Counties. Mr Major will be introduced by Jeffrey Archer the novelist and, after a taster of Conservative policy in an opening statement, will be questioned for some 50

Tory campaigners believe that the question sessions will prove an effective answer to the controversy over Mr Major's refusal to agree to a television confrontation between the party leaders, which they dismiss as an old chesmut but which Opposi-tion leaders continued to stoke up yesterday.
Michael Heseltine the envi-

ronment minister has agreed to a television debate with his opposite number Bryan Gould. Douglas Hurd the foreign secretary has signi-Continued on page 16, col 6

Virgin to sue over BA 'dirty tricks'

By HARVEY ELLIOTT, AIR CORRESPONDENT

RICHARD Branson yesterday began legal proceedings in America against British Airways for an alleged "dirty tricks" campaign aimed at his Virgin Atlantic airline.

Informal talks to try to resolve the dispute between the two airlines broke down early yesterday and Mr Branson immediately contacted Robert Beckman, Sir Freddie Laker's former lawyer, and asked him to begin proceedings on his behalf.

"We made a real effort to avoid this," Mr Branson said. "All we wanted was an assurance that the activities which have been used against us will stop." He said that he also wanted an apology and an assurance that a consultant alleged to have been spreading malicious falsehoods

about Virgin was no longer paid to act for BA. BA said that in talks between the two sides "a fair and reasonable procedure for resolving the differences" had been reached, but Virgin had refused to accept it. "This can only confirm our judgment that the motivation of Virgin and its owner is the pursuit of publicity rather than the resoution of differences," BA said. "If Virgin now chooses

to pursue its campaign through litigation we will defend vigorously. As we have repeatedly said, British Air-

ways has never been engaged

in a dirty tricks campaign against Virgin." Mr Branson alleges that

BA launched a campaign to discredit him, tried to poach passengers and employed a consultant to spread rumours to the press about him and

After a television documen tary investigating Virgin's claims, Mr Branson said that he had received "hundreds of letters revealing new things which were going on". This resulted in a number of affidavits being taken which would now be sent to Mr

Beckman. Mr Beckman achieved international recognition when he won a settlement worth more than \$300 million in favour of Sir Freddie Laker from ten airlines and aircraft manufacturers, includ-

Last night Mr Beckman was awaiting full details of Mr Branson's allegations before deciding what action to

Mr Branson's allegations have been roundly rejected by BA, which says that it has far more serious competitors to deal with, especially the big American airlines now com-pening for business on the potentially lucrative trans-At-lantic routes.

£400,000 bill for Spens

LORD Spens, the former merchant banker, will have to pay £400,000 towards his de-fence in the Guinness II trial, even though the case against

him is not to proceed.

Rejecting a request for a refund of money spent before legal aid was granted. Mr Justice Henry told Lord Spens he had brought the charges on himself by his conduct in 1986.

The judge's use of statements given by Lord Spens to

government investigators was attacked by David Hood, the defence counsel. He said they had never been proved in evidence and would have been opposed had they been introduced in court.

The judge also refused to enter a formal verdict of not guilty and ordered the charges to lie on the file. Lord Spens is to appeal against the

Judge's rebuff, page 5

ELECTION 92 THE FIRST WEEKEND

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 As the first weekend of the campaign begins, Sir Robert Rhodes James recalls the parliamentary newcomers of 1959, the year of Thorpe, Ridley and ...

"...lightheartedly be remarked that it was always useful to have a baby to trundle around the electorate, upon which a young lady rose and said: 'If you can give me the date of the general election I'll have a word with my husband.' That was the first most of



them had heard of Margaret Thatcher."

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 John Smith's each-way chance: in today's Review, Kate Muir meets the Scots lawyer who might be leader.

MEANWHILE ...

 Rembrandt in a black cap; but did he paint it? In today's Review Richard Cork explains how Rembrandts are getting rarer.



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The BBC is to consider cutting up to 40 per cent of its 25,000-strong workforce over three years in a drive to improve efficiency. Most of the jobs would be lost by using contractors to make programmes, and the production union is to vote on a one-day strike in

ANC pledge

Nelson Mandela pledged that the ANC would not revert to violence if South Africa rejected President de Klerk's reforms in next said the black majority could block any return to apartheid Page 10

Cleaning up

An office cleaner celebrated Gold Cup day at Cheltenham with a £567.066 win after staking £8 on a five-horse accum-

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The truth of the matter is, Pravda is broke FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

ONCE one of the world's most influential newspapers, Pravda is on the verge of extinction. The former official organ of the Soviet Communist party sus-pends publication today because it has run out of money. The staff hopes that it can be on the streets again in a week or so, but its prospects look increasingly bleak.

Pravda, which used to appear six days a week, has been reduced to publishing three times a week since the beginning of March. Spiralling costs, resulting from the Russian government's economic reforms, have brought the paper to the brink of bankruptcy. By the end of February it had used all the money from advance subscriptions for 1992, and its

only by the patronage of the ruling Communist party but by the property at its disposal. Most of the buildings of the Pravida group, however, were taken over by the Moscow authorities when the Soviet Communist party was banned in August. Its profitable publishing house was hived off, and Pravida itself was charged rent on its offices.

According to Aleksandr Hyin, the dep uty editor, the paper needs between 20 million roubles (about £111,000 at the market rate of exchange) and 30 million roubles immediately to meet advance rent payments for the next two months. Among the options he mentioned were a new drive to increase advertising. finding a new sponsoring organisation, amalgamation with other newspapers in the group, or relaunching as an offi-cial newspaper for the "commonadvertising revenue is meagre. cial newspaper for the "common-in the past, *Pravda* was protected not wealth". The one source on which the

paper is not relying is the Russian gov-erament, even though Yegor Gaidar, the deputy prime minister, is a former Pravda commentator. Mr Ilyin said that Mr Gaidar had told him that Pravda had to survive in the commercial world like any other publication. Despite his confident prediction that

Pravda would overcome its problems and resume publication before long Mr Ilyin sounded deeply unhappy. He ac-cused the government of Mr Gaidar of taking an already disintegrating country to certain ruin. "Why he is doing it, I don't know," he said, "but that is surely where we are

headed. Unless a rescuer is found, all the auguries suggest that today's Pravda, March 14. 1992 - which went to press on Friday the 13th - will be the last. Pravda will have failed, by less than two months, to reach its 80th birthday.



Presidential-style TV debate threatens hype and novelty, but little light



Hurd: ready to debate

Would British voters be any better off if their prime minister, instead of ritually refusing the ceremonial election campaign challenge from opposition eaders of a face-to-face television confrontation, picked up the

The debate would be novel. But then so would haddock ice cream, and few of us are pining for that. Would such an unprecedented debate throw any fresh light on the issues or just generate even more heat from political campaigns that are so overheated already that you wish someone would turn down the thermostat?

Speaking from American experience, Walter Cronkhite, the CBS News commentator, says incumbent presidents are dragged kicking and screaming to the television podium, but to get them there at all broadcasters agree to all their concessions. which cramps the chat. "They are not genuine debates, they are joint appearances before a panel.

Was the prime minister right to refuse the Opposition leader's ritual challenge to a TV debate? Joe Joseph looks at the pros and cons

which leads to some dialogue, but is basically superficial. It is not conducive to analysis of the issues. It may reveal something about the personality of the candidates, but that is about the sum of it." Yet Cronkhite is still in favour. "Given they are the best we can do, they are valuable."

The totemic value of the television debate — trumpeted as a test feared only by those scared of failing — swelled on Thursday night: Labour whooped when Norman Lamont, the Chancellor, agreed in the Commons to face John Smith, his shadow, before the cameras. Labour saw it as a gaffe provoked by Smith's taunts. Jack Cunningham, Labour's campaign co-ordinator, blunder ... John Major must

now agree to a television debate with Neil Kinnock."

One knot in this thread of analysis seems to be that Messrs Lamont and Smith, with Alan Beith, the Liberal Democrat spokesman on Treasury affairs, were already scheduled to appear in a three-way debate on BBC1's Panorama current affairs programme on Monday night, with David Dimbleby in the chair.

Yesterday morning, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, said he was prepared to engage in a television debate with Gerald Kaufman, his opposite number. while Tory voices struggled to point out the difference between cabinet ministers engaging in television debates with their opposite numbers, which happens regularly, and a prime minister doing so, which has never hap-pened. Well, would we watch if it

Ludovic Kennedy, a seasoned judge of television appetites. thinks we would: "We all like a gladiatorial contest, especially at the top. But I can understand why Major does not want to. If I were in Major's position, I would

t is accepted that incumbent orime ministers have little to gain and plenty to lose by appear-ing in a televised lion's den.

It is not even clear that Neil Kinnock would relish the occasion, although he has asked for such a debate in the past some sideways-glancing observers in the Commons press gallery note that it was Ken Livingstone who challenged Major to a television debate on Thursday and that only when Major had snubbed the offer did Kinnock press the

Ivor Crewe, professor of gov-

ernment at Essex University, agrees that voters would watch, partly because of the hype, partly for the novelty. But would it

swing them one way or the other?
"What would happen." he said, "is that the public won't make up their minds until pundits and commentators decide who won the debate. Then the public will decide. What a debate allows is commentators to have greater influence on the public, though on what basis these commentators decide who won the debate, God only knows." If that is the case, and if Labour really believes Fleet Street is biased against it, then it is possible that Kinnock might suffer be agreeing to face Major.

Professor Crewe also sees a different justification for such debates in America: "In the US. you are electing a president." That choosing of a chief executive puts a different accent on the personalities, policies and manners of rival White House candidates.



Kaufman: shadow may face the minister

Labour delegates back PR system for Scots parliament

By JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE first step towards proportional representation in backing from the Scottish

Labour party yesterday.

Delegates at the party's Scottish conference in Edinburgh voted to support a form of PR — the additional-member system - to elect mem-bers for a Sconish parliament, a first-year pledge of a Labour government. During what turned out to be a bland debate, delegates backed a statement from the Scottish executive committee that would close the gap between votes and seats and lead to an equal representation of men and women in the new

THE Tory election campaign will signal the end of "elected dictatorship" in the Conser-vative cabinet and underline

the collegiate style of leadership fostered by John Major. Six ministers in the so-called "A-team" form the

spearhead of the Conserva-

tive election campaign: Mr

Major, Michael Heseltine,

Douglas Hurd, Chris Patten,

Kenneth Clarke and Norman

Lamont, who all played the

biggest part in drawing up

the Conservative manifesto.

They were all consulted on

election timing and one of the

other five, normally Mr Hes-

eltine or Mr Hurd, will make

a keynote speech on any day Mr Major does not. The five will continue to be

consulted through the cam-

paign, although they will not

meet formally as a group. MPs have noted that, while the team effort will dilute the

credit for election success, it

might also have the advan-

tage for Mr Major, if the

Tories should fail, of spread-

me the blame for any defeat.

Mr Patten, the party chair-

man, and Shaun Woodward,

the Conservative director of

communications, tore up a year ago the plans inherited

from the last election cam-

paign, which involved a much heavier concentration

on the party leader. Their

detailed plans centre on a "D

minus 28" schedule and a grid of 12 regions in which

priority is given to four the

East and West Midlands, the

North-West and Greater

London, which have the larg-

Some speakers were dis-gruntled that the Scottish executive committee had fudged the issue by falling in line with recommendations by the Plant committee on electoral reform. At last year's conference, a third of delegates supported an alternative-vote system which is doser to "true" proportional

Yesterday, some speakers called for a reference back to allow further thought on con-stitutional reform. Bill Butler, Glasgow Maryhill, said that the additional-member system would end in a Labour coalition with the Liberal Democrats. "It is trying to please everyone, but will end

est concentrations of margin-

al seats. Every day a member of the A-team will be in each

of those areas, concentrating

on the regional media.

Their "photo opportunities", such as the unveiling of

one of a series of 18 posters to

be deployed on more than 5,000 sites, will be followed

by appearances on local radio

stations. One of the five will

deputise on the only day when

Mr Major will not attend a

London press conference: the

morning after he has spent

the night in Scotland. Each

press conference will be

chaired by Mr Patten, who

has used the phoney election

period to hone his skills in

keeping things good tem-pered and under control.

be brought in on particular

issues, such as Kenneth Bak-

er on law and order and Tom

King on defence. When the

Tones are asked to field

spokesmen for three-way de-bates. David Mellor and

Michael Howard, two law-

vers with well honed court

There have been some

doubts among Tory strate-

gists about the "A-team" role

to be played by Mr Lamont.

It would have been unthink-

able to leave out the Chancel-lor, who has made an im-

portant contribution to policy

discussion, but because some

feel that he can tend to look

gloomy, he is likely to be deployed more in television

debates with John Smith, his

Labour counterpart, than in

making set-piece speeches.

skills, will be used.

Other senior ministers will

'A-team' shares

party burden

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

up pleasing no one."

James Sharkey, Glasgow
Govan, was also sceptical.
"There is no real choice between proportionality and
majority vote. It is a fudge."

Other delegates welcomed a separate voice for Scotland with powers over health, edu-cation, housing, rural affairs and transport. The new Scottish parliament would also have the right to vary its revenue by adjusting the ba-sic rate of income tax up or down by 3p.

Gavin Strang, MP for Edinburgh East, said he did not believe that most Scots wanted independence. The Scottish economy was too dependent on the British economy and there would be little sense in having a Scottish army and Scottish embassies. "All the evidence shows that the Scottish people want a parliament within the United Kingdom" he said

United Kingdom," he said. The additional-member system combines a directly elected system for a propor-tion of the new parliament's members, with topping-up by regional PR. There is still uncertainty about the size of the new parliament and how the electoral system will en-sure equal representation be-

tween men and women. The Scottish executive statement admits the need to strike a balance between reand sears won, maintaining the link between members and constituencies, and ensuring that the electorate has government.

Murray Elder, the party's Scottish regional secretary, said that the new voting system could work by two members per constituency, plus additional members. But that would lead to more than 200 members in the new parlia-ment. He said that other alternatives being considered were electing a male and fe-male from each constituency. but that would also lead to too big a parliament. A smaller parliament could be created without drawing up new boundaries if constituencies doubled up, he added.

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Strang: Scots do not want independence



Action man: Paddy Ashdown at his morning press conference in London, before setting off for Edinburgh and Cardiff yesterday. He intends to visit all 22 Liberal Democrat seats and every targeted constituency

Beware the snows of March

By JOHN YOUNG

IF THERE were a soothsayer on the staff at 10 Downing Street, he or she might have coughed gently in the best Sir Humphrey manner and reminded the prime minister that he had decided to launch the election cam-paign in the shadow of the Ides of March.

While it must be hoped that none of our leaders encounters Caesar's fate, the soothsayer might have added that, with the spring equinox in the offing, the weather on the hustings was likely to be

less element than if he had chosen May or June.
Actually, if the Meteorological Office, is to be trusted, the outlook for the next week of campaigning is not too bad. But not too good either, especially in Scotland and the north of England, where frequent snow showers are forecast.

In the South, it may be brighter, but with showers turning wintry. There will be a sharp frost tomorrow night, with rain and snow spread-ing into most areas before milder conditions return. By midweek, it should be mild and dry with the usual Mer and dry, with the usual Met Office caveat that it might be nothing of the sort.

Ashdown admits 1p tax rise is risky strategy

By Sheila Gunn and Kerry Gill

PADDY Ashdown admitted yesterday that the Liberal Democrats' commitment to put lp on the basic rate of income tax to improve education was a "risky strategy" and that his party would be telling uncomfortable and unpopular truths.

As he set off on the campaign trail at a furious pace, Mr Ashdown told a London news conference that it would be deeply irresponsible and damaging to promote poli-cies merely to bribe voters. The party's firm pledge to raise income tax and scrap the Budget's new lower tax band of 20p has underlined the Liberal Democrats' policies for long-term reforms of the economy with education and training as priorites. Mr Ashdown said that Brit-

ain was on the edge of slipping from recession into slump and there were no easy solutions. "We will say the things that need to be said. even when this makes uncom-fortable listening," he said. "Britain must take the right decisions now if we are to be

in shape by the year 2000."
His "action man" campaign left the other two leaders standing as he conducted news conferences in London. Edinburgh and Cardiff within seven hours. His schedule for the first week of the campaign, following the launch of the manifesto on Monday, confirms his intention of taking his "battle-plane" and the accompanying media corps to every targeted seat within

the next three weeks. He plans to attend nearly all the morning press confer-ences, timed at 7.15 to beat the other parties, before setting off around the country. In addition to visiting the 22 constituencies held by the Liberal Democrats, his campaign will take him to scores of seats marked out as voterfriendly territory, particularly in the West Country. East Anglia and border areas.

During his brief visit to Edinburgh yesterday, he said it was inconceivable that the Liberal Democrats would enter into any political partnership without an immediate commitment to Scottish home rule, but added that a deal in the event of a hung parliament would also depend on electoral reform.

"I am dedicated to removing this government, but I am also dedicated to obeying the absolute command of the British people through the ballot box," he said. "The other parties, who ignore the judgment of the electorate and seek to grab power for themselves on a minority basis, will have repudiated the electorate and will have chosen instability to put their own interests before the interests of the country."

He warned that another "lame duck" government could push Britain from recession into slump. Asked which political party he would prefer to back in the event of a hung parliament. Mr Ashdown would say only: There will be only one sol ution on the day after polling day. There will be only one party with whom you can combine to provide stable government. It is not my choice, it is the choice of the voters in the election and they must be obeyed."

Earlier, Malcolm Bruce, the Scottish Liberal Democrat leader, said that devolution would underpin the campaign north of the bor-der. Mr Bruce challenged Scotland's political leaders to work for constitutional consensus, to change the voting system, to promise a future for a Scottish parliament and to commit themselves to investing in the economy, education and training to guarantee prosperity.

Brown launches challenge

Ron Brown, the Labour MP for Leith, who was rejected by his local party after his conviction for damaging a former lover's flat, is to stand against the official Labour candidate in the general election (Kerry Gill writes).

Mr Brown has a strong local following and is likely to severely dent the majority in this safe Labour seat. Mr Brown won a majority of more than 11,000 votes at the last election. He said last night that he had tried all reasonable means to have his deselection overturned, in-

cluding legal action.

Malcolm Chisholm, the official Labour candidate, said: Leith Labour party deselected Ron Brown and chose me. will concentrate on attacking the Tories, who will be very pleased at his decision to stand. I am confident the people of Leith will continue to support the Labour candi-

Poll gives lead to Labour

Labour maintains a slight lead over the Conservatives in two opinion polls published today, but the polls continue to point to a hung parliament with no party winning an outright majority on April 9. A Harris survey in the

Daily Express carried out between March 11 and 13, after the Budget, puts Labour on 40; Conservatives 39; Liberal Democrat 16; others 5. The balance between Labour and the Conservatives has now remained the same in When asked which party the voters trusted with the economy, 41 per cent picked the Conservatives, and 24 per cent chose Labour.

Turned off

A survey of party political broadcasts by Channel 4 shows undecided voters do not like the Tories criticism of Labour's tax plans. The poll of 100 undecided voters from a marginal constituency showed that the shadow chancellor, John Smith's, call to improve Britain was most Ashdown's personable approach was a close second.

Photo victim

Election photocalls claimed their first known casualty yesterday. The Labour MP Brian Wilson, posing in front of a goalpost at Edinburgh's Meadowbank sports centre. jumped up to touch the crossbar - and got his ring finger stuck in a net hook. For agonising seconds Labour's Scottish sports spokesman hung perilously outstretched. feet barely touching the

Green plea

Jonathon Porritt, the leading Green party member, urged the electorate yesterday not to regard a Green vote as a



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CAMPAIGN QUOTES OF THE DAY

At least they're consistent on tax. The message from Neil Kinnock is this: "Read my lips — lots more taxes."

- Chns Patten, Conservative party chairman

Outside the Conservative inner circles, everyone else could see that the poll tax was one of the world's worst ideas. Its combination of unfairness and impracticality should disbar anyone who ever supported any aspect of it from office for ever. van Gould, shadow environment minister.

I was prepared to have a cross-examination, but I needed four hours on my own to get my policies across. Murgaret Thatcher, asked if she would have

liked to take part in a televised debate. A vote for Labour, a vote for the Liberals, is a vote for tax increases. It's turkeys voting for Christmas, it's lambs voting for the slaughter, it's lemmings voting for the big

- Michael Heseltine, environment minister

I am determined that we should stand our ground even if others put us under pressure. I am determined that we will light at our best, and light a good light. — Paddy Ashdown, Liberal Democrat leader

Once a Scottish parliament is established, then Westminster is doorned. That is the Tories' real fear. John McAllion, Labour MP for Dundee East

We have all got to work and we have got to work until we drop. And then we have got to pick ourselves up and go on working. — Chris Patten on the election campaign.

An electorate burdened by private debts, haunted by the prospect of unemployment, fearful of the effects of underfunding in the health service, has spurned the Tories grubby invitation to sell its common sense and conscience for the sake of pre-election

- Neil Kinnock, Labour leader



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law on Sunday trading will be disclosed next week in the Conservative party manifesto. Ministers have decided to make a renewed effort to lay to rest a controversy that has bedevilled them since 1986 when an attempt to allow Sunday shopping collapsed in the face of a backbench Tory revolt.

Details of the manifesto

the prime minister. festo was likely to conclude that the law on Sunday trading was not observed and not enforced and to say: "We will therefore place measures before Parliament to provide

Major's team keeps up pressure over taxes

BY ROBIN OAKLEY AND NICHOLAS WOOD, TORQUAY

because they established the

principle of the right of

people to keep their own

Mr Heseltine said that be-

fore the campaign had begun

Labour was threatening to

put up taxes only for the

"As soon as the campaign

started they are committed to

putting up taxes for the poor-

est taxpayers in the land as well," he said. "If the Labour

party can widen its ambitions

from one million of the rich-

est to four million of the

poorest in one month, just think what they could do in

the lifetime of a Parliament."

he told the Conservative cen-

tral council.

Mr Heseltine made no

secret of the Tory high com-

mand's determination to

make taxation the key elec-

tion issue. Everybody knew

that taxes would come down

under the Conservatives and rise under Labour, he told

Polling evidence, however,

suggests that the Conserva-

rives have an uphill task. Mori's poll for The Times, taken since the Budget and the calling of the election.

showed taxation only in fifth

equal place with housing as

an issue likely to determine

While Conservatives are

seen as having the best poli-

cles on taxation by 39 per

cent of the electorate, com-

pared with 31 per cent who backed Labour's tax plans,

taxation is outranked by

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In Torquay Douglas Hurd.

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JOHN Major's cabinet "A" team set out yesterday to turn the budget into a vote winner by portraying Labour; as a party eager to tax the poor as well as the rich.

They also began a threeweek barrage aimed at ridi-culing Neil Kinnock's policy shifts and his grasp of

Mr Kinnock, speaking at a party conference in Edinburgh, condemned the Bud-Brown get which he said was "not even a competent bribe."

aunche revealing that the Conservatives have gained no immediate benefit from Chancellor With the first opinion polls challens ate benefit from Challens Norman Lamont's tax give-aways, Mr Patten, the Tory the Line Chairman, and Michael Heseltine, the environment Heseitine, the third exploit secretary, sought to exploit Labour's two Commons votes Labours two Commissions lower

Labour's opposition to the 20p lower rate, which was Mr Heseltine portrayed targeted on 4 million lowerpaid workers, as the electoral equivalent of the charge of the Light Brigade. He delighted party workers at a conference H: 2 Labour's decision to restore the cut would "slaughter" its - Transitive victory hopes.

To complete "Not since the charge of the Light Brigade into the Russian guns et Balaclava has there ever been anything like it Taxes to the left of them, taxes to the right of them. Into the valley of taxes rode Labour," Mr Heseltine said in a typically barnstorming performance.

Mr Patten claimed that Labour "hated" lower taxes

Sunday reform pledged

By Nicholas Woods

. commitment filtered out at the initial Conservative Central Council meeting in Torquay yesterday as Chris Patten, the party chairman, set the scene for next week's manifesto launch chaired by

Sources said that the manireasonable opportunities for shopping on Sundays."

lady hits choppy waters

Ironclad

BY ALAN HAMILTON

SOUTHAMPTON, a city well versed in maritime history, witnessed the last voyage in public service yesterday of a leviathan which. in spite of being effectively torpedoed, has shown a remarkable reluctance to sink. Margaret Thatcher, the biggest British merchant ship in recent history to be holed by friendly fire, went on her last walkabout as an MP, and was very nearly swamped by mountainous seas of curiosity.
Mrs Thatcher was mak-

ing a brief appearance to boost the fortunes of the city's two Tory MPs, one of whom, Christopher Chope, is currently minister for roads which will slice through Twyford Down to bring his constituency within easier reach of the House of Commons. Southampton, on yesterday's showing, already has more than enough people in it without making it easy for more to motor in.

Stepping from the front door of the city's eveningnewspaper, where she had been on a private tour, Mrs Thatcher was confronted by a vast, surging crowd of some 500, and very few policemen. She could see no passage through the waves; undaunted, she struck off nor nor-west towards Marks & Spencer, entirely surrounded by the steel-plat-ing of television cameras which numed her fragile hull into an instant ironclad. The familiar bowsprit of intri-cately carved blonde coiffure bobbed among the waves, and was frequently lost in the swell.

Down in the Thatcher engine room, the boilers were still pumping out high pres-



Popular tide threatens to sweep Thatcher's final voyage off course

Parting of the seas: Margaret Thatcher looking for a way through the crowds outside the Southern Evening Echo offices in Southampton

sure steam: "The policies John Major is following are, I believe, the policies I created and put into practice." Would she engage in a television debate with Neil Kinnock? "I would prefer to have a cross-examination by myself for about four hours, so that I could really get my message across." And then, asked if she was glad to be back on the campaign trail: "Of course; it's always excit-

The pressure of the crowd approached that of deep water on a North Sea diving bell. Police frantically tried link arms, and their superintendent implored the multitude "You're pushing

ing, always thrilling.

people over. Retain your control." When you are merely an ex-prime minister, the waves no longer part

Her gunwales were awash with shouted expressions of undying affection. "Come back, we love you," women kept yelling. Ashley Jenkins, a local shipping office man-ager, pressed pink carnations into her hand. "She is marvellous; she has put this country on the right course." he swooned.

Edward Adams, aged 57 and sporting a Vote Labour badge, was meanwhile trying to sow a mine. "Come back here," he bawled, fighting his way through the

heaving mass and flailing his metal crutches as if they were a Los Angeles police-man's nightstick. "It's beneath my dignity to vote no one in particular. "For 13 years this government has victimised senior citizens. They have crucified the pensioners." Oblivious, the ship of state, compass spinning uselessly, battled on dead slow ahead, carried by the crowd in the vague direction

bled up rubbing his head.
"This is a walkabout with the people. Now, can I get to them?". Mrs Thatcher demanded with fraying pa-

of McDonald's. A small boy

was pushed over and scram-

tience as yet another microphone on a 10ft pole was thrust from deep in the crowd to catch her every utterance. The voyage was hopeless, the police powerless, and the safe haven of a Jaguar within reach. She leapt in and drove off. Wellwishers were left clutching their bunches of carnations and pink roses, with no option but to take them home in memory of the day they nearly saw the woman for

This election's most eminent postal voter - she will be lecturing in America on April 9 - later boarded a real vessel for a choppy

intended.

whom the bouquets were

crossing to the Isle of Wight and a private dinner with party supporters. But not before she had posed for one more photo-opportunity on Cowes Pier, and unveiled one more plaque at Ryde Pavilion.

When the next parliament assembles, the leviathan will have been towed to a historic mooring, like the Queen Mary at Long Beach. But unlike that venerable Cunarder, a full programme of pleasure cruises, every bit as frequent and as well publicised as her life on the political high seas, is confidently expected.

the foreign secretary, joined the attack on socialism. He said the system had failed across the world, from Lenin-Labour's changes on foreign policy, EC membership and nuclear defence were reversals on matters of principle, he said. They had never been explained and "emptiness, confusion and drift Mr Heseltine also decided Mr Kinnock's potential as a main issues of the 1980s the Labour leader's judgment had been found wanting, he said. He had pressed for defence cuts when the country's security had been most at risk. He had been prepared to give away the nuclear deter-rent in Nato's hour of need. He had pressed for British

the Conservatives had taken the difficult decision to join. "Anyone can get one judg-Flower power: Jenny ment wrong. But to get the Curgenden, of Dalsetter Designs, near Wakefield, five greatest judgments of our time wrong and to get noth-West Yorkshire, preparing right is not a record upon which to elect a prime ing rosettes for the election campaign. Mrs Curgenden, who runs the company with her hus-On the economy, he said, Mr Kinnock's "folksy quotes band, Tony, said: "We exand ee-ba-gum approach to economics" had sent a shudpect to be working very hard in the run-up to the election. We have already got orders from the Yorkder through the Labour high

shire and Welsh Labour parties for 2,000 red rosettes, but we haven't heard from the Conservatives yet. I am sure the other parties will soon be on the telephone." The company's wares are normally used for shows. The satin-look rosettes require almost 5ft of cloth, and cost just over

disowns rebel MP BY SHELLA GUNN

Tory whip

RICHARD Ryder, the gov-ernment's chief whip, finally went public yesterday to chastise John Browne, the MP

who is challenging the official Conservative candidate in But as Mr Ryder announced that the Conserva-

tive whip would be withdrawn from Mr Browne "forthwith" — the first time the sanction has been used for 70 years - some members of the local party yesterday threw their support behind the de-selected candidate and said he would be allowed to use the Conservative Club premises as his campaign headquarters. Ray Feek, the local council-

lor who is the MP's campaign manager, said some members were demanding a meeting with Winchester Conservative Association and the request was in order.

der said: "You are no longer welcome as a member of the extended to Mr Browne, in his being re-elected.

The MP has become an embarrassment since he was temporarily suspended from the Commons for failing to disclose some of his business interests in the Members' Register. He announced this week his intention of standing again, although Winchester Conservatives have selected Gerry Malone as the official Tory candidate.

Mr Malone, who has frequently found himself face-toface with Mr Browne at constituency events, circulated the letter in Winchester together with a statement detailing the history of Mr Browne's relations with the official party.

Poll tax makes campaign debut By Douglas Broom, Local Government Correspondent

THE community charge lions of people, especially the

made its first appearance in the election campaign yesterday when Labour and the Conservatives clashed over the size of this year's bills.

Bryan Gould, the shadow environment secretary, told a London press conference that a typical two-person household would be £564 a year worse off from April than they would have been under the rates. He accused John Major of failing to speak out against the introduction of the tax and said that its creation was "sufficient reason on its own to turf this government out".

Mr Gould said that mil-

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least well off, had been hit by the switch from rates to the poli tax. In Blackburn, Lan-cashire, a couple had lost an average of £1,402 and, in Leicester, the figure was £1,244. Michael Portillo, the local

government minister, dismissed Mr Gould's figures as completely bogus. The gov-ernment had introduced a scheme to protect those whose community charge bills were bigger than under the rates, he said. As a result, couples would have to pay no more than El a week more under

the charge. Labour councils had set community charges which were, on average, £54 a head higher than those set by Con-servative local authorities, he said. In London, Labour council bills would be £86 a head higher than the Tories'.

At a separate press conference in London, Mr Gould said that Labour was "well on course" to win the 20 seats in the capital that its strategists believe it needs to take to secure an overall majority in the Commons. He said that, in the past 48 hours, party workers had distributed 1.5 million leaflets in marginal seats and put up 20,000 posters supporting Labour

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I remain sad about the circumstances of her departure from

Downing Street. Although I came to the reluctant decision that a change of leadership



was essential, I hated the whole businesss. At least I and others fought in the open, unlike some who swore undying fealty - and then betrayed her . . . 9

Sir Robert Rhodes James MP, in The Sunday Times Guide to Election 92 - a full-

colour 16-page supplement free with The Sunday Times tomorrow, including expert comment and analysis, plus a large map detailing the key battlegrounds

Matthew Parris on this parliament's last gasps

Swansong in a sharp key

Y esterday was a day for swansongs, but not every swansong is sweet. A funny for a minister to swan may have old scores to settle before he goes. So may an MP.

withdrawal from the EC after

minister.

Labour's Frank Haynes (Ashfield), who is to retire, sang without rancour. He launched into a final rant, maximum volume: "I thought I'd made my swansong last night, but ..." That may have been his last speech," commented his adjacent colleague, Jack Straw, caught in the blast and plainly unconvinced. "Of course,

there's still Monday . . . " Ted Heath, resting on the empty benches, opened one eye, stirred a little, then shut it again. Another day, another parliament. Then came a most unfamil-

iar thing. Alan Clark, the junior defence minister, who is also resigning, had risen to reply to his colleague, Hugh Dykes (C, Harrow E), who brought "complaints and strictures" that a British-American rather than a British-French bid for a missile system had been accepted. Mr Dykes is a well-known Euro-enthusiast. Mr Clark is

a famous Euro-phobe. Mr

Dykes hates Mr Clark Mr

Clark hates Mr Dykes. The

minister actually left during

Mr Dykes's speech, for a

chat with someone else. He

form of address for members of another party, he drawled: "I'm grateful to the hon gentleman." "Hon friend," Mr Dykes corrected. "Hon gentleman," said Mr Clark. "He

funny for a minister to

leave." Both were pale. Mr Clark rose. Using the

and I have a particular personal relationship. I use that in the archaic sense. "Despite my idiosyncratic and tendentious behaviour," he continued, "I have always been treated with great tolerance. There have been calls

for my resignation but they have largely been of the jocu-lar kind." Mr Dykes went a shade paler yet. "But I recall

Clark: final farewell to an old adversary his altogether . . . higher kind of demand. He did not invite me to resign. He actually said I should be sacked. And in order that his ... views should be widely disseminated, he expressed these not in a letter or in this Chamber, but in front of the TV cameras. In spite of being so widely publicised, his call fell on deaf ears.

"It is unusual indeed for a member of one party to call for the dismissal of a minister who is a colleague — other than in the tea room, where, as we know, it happens all the time. It indicates a certain lack of confidence in

Mr Clark went on to deal with the missile contract, reading from an anodyne speech of the civil service sort. Until he reached the question of jobs: "I rec-ognise that jobs in the United Kingdom is not a concept that means much to the hon geptleman. Indeed, he has ong since ceased to consider the concept of a United Kingdom at all. His loyalty is to In the corner, rather pale

himself, sat the Chief Whip, Richard Ryder. I have never seen him sit so far from the action. But sometimes, when feelings run as high as this, it is better just to stand back.

wanted Mr Browne reinstated as official candidate. Mrs Felicity Hindson, for the association, said members were examining its rules to see if In a letter to Mr Browne,

released to the press, Mr Ryparliamentary party or any of its committees." The whip, he said, would never again be the "unimaginable" event of

With the Tory majority of 7,479 in the 1987 general election, the split in the Tory vote is likely to benefit the Liberal Democrat challenger.

After receiving Mr Ryder's letter last night Mr Browne accused the chief whip of going "over the top" and showing a viciousness that did the Conservative party no credit. "These are words of desperation. Obviously they see a real threat for Winchester," he added.



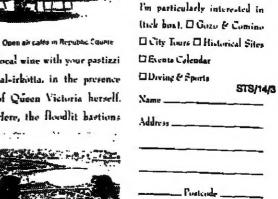
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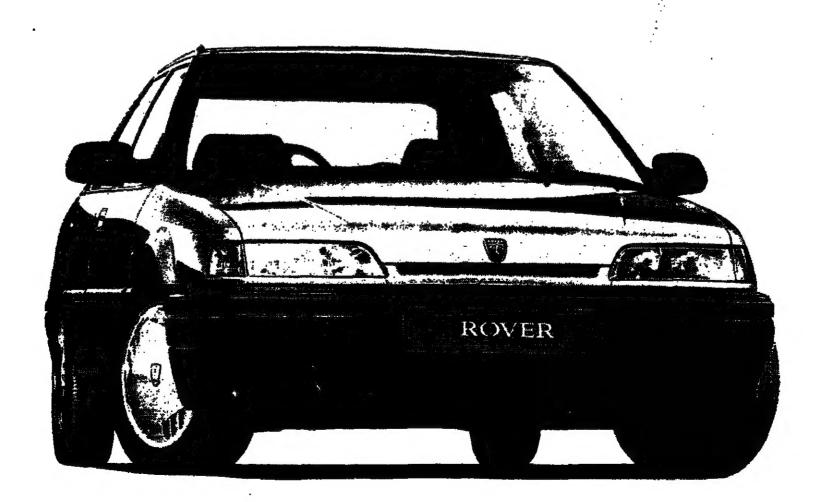
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As one Guinness defendant fights to clear his name, others enjoy remarkable improvements in their prospects

. Judge rejects Spens plea for trial costs

By PAUL WILKINSON

LORD Spens, the former merchant banker, was told yesterday that the public purse would not repay £400,000 of his own money which he spent defending his name in the Guinness II trial.

The decision was an-nounced in the High Court by the trial judge, Mr Justice Henry, who told him that his actions had justified charges being brought against him. The decision brought an angry reaction from David Hood, counsel for Lord Spens, who interrupted the

judgment to protest. After the hearing Lord Spens, clearly highly dis-tressed by the ruling, said that he would seek to have it set aside. "My reaction to all this is unprintable," he said.

Four weeks ago, after a fivemonth hearing, the case against Lord Spens, aged 49, was halted after medical evi-dence was produced showing that his co-defendant Roger Seelig was too mentally unwell to continue. The Serious Fraud Office said that although it believed its case against Lord Spens was via-ble it would not be in the public interest to subject him to a second trial.

The peer had asked the judge to order a formal acquittal and for all his costs, before he obtained legal aid in December 1990, to be paid from public funds.

Mr Justice Henry refused the acquittal because, he said, the prosecution had offered no evidence on the ground that it would be oppressive to continue, not because its case was unsound. The defendant's conduct in the affair had to be taken into account when the decision was taken

Lord Spens had been ac-cused of assisting in illegally inflating the price of Guinness shares at the height of the brewers' takeover bid for the Distillers drinks group by arranging the purchase of more than two million Guinness shares worth £7.6 million. The judge quoted from transcripts of interrogations of Lord Spens by trade department investigators

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soon after the takeover, in which the peer admitted he had agreed to the share purchase. Lord Spens had also said that he had never been involved in such dealing before, although he was aware it

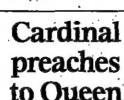
was a regular City activity. At this stage Mr Hood in tervened, saying that the DTI statements relating to Lord Spens had not been tested before the jury. They were denied "most vehemently" and would have been been challenged "root and branch" had the trial continued. It was "wholly wrong" of the court to give judgment on

Rejecting his arguments the judge said Lord Spens was an experienced merchant banker specialising in corporate finance who knew there were grey areas of legality in such share dealing. He was also well aware of the City takeover panel's code of con-duct. In particular, said the judge. Lord Spens knew the panel's instruction that share-holders should be given all relevant information about the shares they were buying and that the creation of a false market was prohibited

"He only had to lift the telephone to the takeover panel to check what he was doing, but he did not. By failing to do that he brought this prosection on himself," he said.

It would be wrong to use public funds to protect Lord Spens from the consequences of that fact. Lord Spens had been faced with a "highly un-usual transaction". "It called out for critical examination of the kind he never gave it." The judge agreed not to enforce an order requiring Lord Spens to contribute £100,000 towards legal aid, because his income had declined.

The judge said that if the law had allowed it, he would have compelled Seelig to ac-cept legal aid, which would have shortened the trial to four months, allowing a con-clusion. He believed there was a case for a change in the law, allowing defendants to defend themselves only with



BY RUTA GLEDHULL

Passengers are taking to the air in greater numbers than ever, ending the slump in ticket sales and bringing hope to the hard-pressed avi-ation industry. Airports run by the British Airports Au-thority handled 4.8 million

At the dedication of a passengers last month, beating by 100,000 a record set in February 1990. Last month's total was 33 roof, Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of per cent higher than in Febnuary last year, indicating Westminster, said that the church of Christ the that the lingering effects of the Gulf war have vanished. The figures are paralleled in British Airways' passenger statistics. Its scheduled ser-

vices were up 47.6 per cent on February last year and 9 per cent on 1990. BA services to Europe and within Britain showed the biggest rise, at 54.8 per cent. Long-haul flights were up 45.9 per cent. Despite the sharp improvement, the average fare paid per passenger remains de-pressed. BA said that the number travelling in first and business class was still down on February 1990. Cut-price fares may be phased out to

Aids raider

A robber who claims he is armed and has Aids has made seven raids on banks, shops and offices in Leeds during the past week. He is said to be in his 20s and to have an Irish accent.

Case dropped

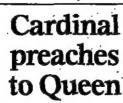
Nine hunt saboteurs accused of disorder after a meeting of the Surrey Union Hunt were cleared when the Crown Prosecution Service dropped the case at Guildford crown

Soldier drowns

A soldier drowned and five were rescued when a yacht owned by the Royal Artillery Sailing Club capsized off the Isle of Wight on its way home from France yesterday.

Petrol bomber

A man was arrested after a petrol bomb was thrown at an Air France enquiry desk at Heathrow airport yesterday.



A ROMAN Catholic cardinal preached to a reign-ing British monarch yesterday for the first time since the 17th

church that gathers five Cornerstone, in Milton Keynes, Buckinghamthe road to Christian

unity.
The Queen had to hold on to her hat in strong winds as she arrived for the service at the 23 million church, regarded by many as the ecumenical equivalent of a cathedral, although it has no bishop. The building is the first purpose-built shared city church in Britain, and is owned jointly by the Bap-tist Union of Great Brit-ain, the Church of England and the Methodist, Roman Catholic and United Reformed churches.

Cardinal Hume said: "A very special characteristic of this church, one which reveals in a powerful and practical way the Christian experience of our generation, is that it has been planned and built with the needs of the whole Christian community in mind. This would simply never have occurred to previous genera-tions and demonstrates how far we are now committed to the work of

Christian unity." The church was dedi-cated by the four presid-ents of Churches Together in England, the ecu-menical body that encourages local unity projects. Two congregations wor-ship in the church, a united Anglican and free church congregation and a Catholic congregation. The church has meeting rooms, a counselling centre, shops and offices.

Photograph, page 14



Distressed: Lord Spens leaving the High Court vesterday

Return to health and wealth

ONLY one of the galaxy of buisness stars involved in the Guinness affair six years ago still faces the threat of the law. Thomas Ward, a US attorney, and a former Guinness director and legal advisor to President Ford, is to appear in court later this year or early next on charges arising from the Distillers take-over.

At first he fought extradition but agreed to return to Britain to face a limited list of charges. He continues to run his practice in the Watergate

complex in Washington.

Fortunes have varied for the rest. Gerald Ronson, the multi-millionaire head of the Heron filling stations and property empire, has been back at his company desk for more than 12 months after serving half of the year in prison imposed at the end of the first Guinness trial in August 1990.

Ernest Saunders, Guinness's former chairman and chief executive, whose five years jail was halved on apneal, was released early from Ford open prison, apparently suffering from pre-senile de-mentia. Now he suggests the condition was brought on by anti-depressant drugs pre-

Where are they now? The mixed fortunes of seven other figures in the Guinness affair are traced by

Paul Wilkinson

turned sufficiently for him to prepare a paper for a Home Office enquiry into City fraud and he has argued lucidly on radio and television for reform of the fraud trial system. He is reported to be negotiating a £90,000 pension with his former employers. Fulltime work has yet to materialise, but he is renewing contacts in the marketing

> an appeal on conviction to the European Court.
> Anthony Parnes, aged 45, the stockbroker, left Ford in July after serving 11 months of a two-and-a-half year sentence, reduced on appeal to 21 months, only to face the break-up of his marriage. In January he was expelled from the stock market for his part in the Guinness affair and is said to spend much of his

world. He is working on

time in the south of France. The fourth man in the first Guinness trial, Jack Lyons.

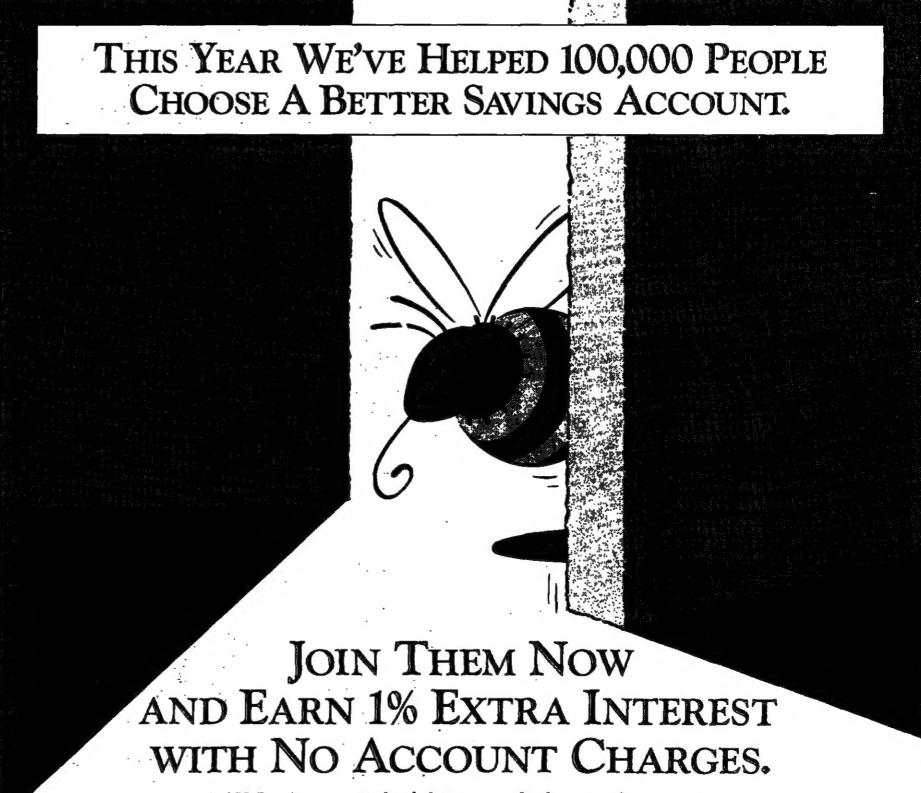
in Switzerland. The financier escaped jail because of failing health but was fined £3 million and lost his knighthood. selling his Kensington home for several million pounds.

David Mayhew, a Guinness defendant who never came to trial, is the only player to have kept his job. A leading member of the staff at the Queen's stockbroker Cazenove's, he was the only one to have his legal costs met by his employer. The support was rewarded last month when the Serious Fraud Office announced it was not to proceed with the charges against him after the discovery of new evidence.

Roger Seelig, his co-defen-dant in what would have been the third Guinness trial, was found too mentally unstable or the trial in which he appeared with former merchant banker Lord Spens. Seelig. aged 46, the former corporate finance director of the merchant bankers Morgan Grenfell, hopes for a return to

Lord Spens had hoped this week to begin a measured return to business, but an appeal on yesterday's ruling will keep him occupied for

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Secret BBC plan suggests 10,000 job cuts by 1996

BY SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A CONFIDENTIAL COSTcutting plan drawn up by the BBC could reduce its 25,000 workforce by more than 40 per cent, shedding 10.000 jobs. The cuts, to be considered jointly by the BBC's management and board of governors in May, could begin next January and take three years.

The option is contained in a report by a task force set up by Sir Michael Checkland. the director-general, to examine the corporation's programme-making efficiency and the possibilities for contracting out.

The report, while urging swift action, says that the cuts should be implemented only if the present standards of

radio and television output forces commissioned last year could be guaranteed. Roger Bolton, national industrial officer for the broadcasting production union. which represents 14,500 BBC staff, said: "We are looking at a policy which will lead to the BBC being dismantled before there has been any proper debate prior to the

in 1996." The union is meeting the corporation's management on March 27, and is to ballot members on a 24-hour strike in protest at the cuts.

charter renewal, which is due

The report, The BBC: Providing Our Services, does not constitute a secret plan, a spokesman said last night.
"From the reports of 15 task

Killer of Down's woman 'a beast'

BY CRAIG SETON

THE father of the Down's syndrome woman whose body was found this week, 11 months after she disappeared, said yesterday that the person responsible for her abduction was an animal.

Police are certain that remains found in woodland in Dorset on Wednesday are those of Jo Ramsden, aged 21, who vanished from her home rown of Bridport, 12 miles away, last April. She is thought to have been

Her father, Richard, aged 65, said yesterday: "Anyone who can do anything like this to a young woman, let alone a mentally handicapped one, is some kind of animal." Mr Ramsden and his wife Angela, who run a glass and china shop in Bridport, had clung to the faint hope that their daughter would be found alive. He said: "We had always hoped for the best, but expected the worst."

Aerial photographs have shown that there are seven accesses to the lonely spot where the remains were found and yesterday police continued a detailed search. Dr Martin Hall, an entomologist from the Natural Histo-

ry Museum in London, hopes

to establish when Miss

Ramsden died. Detectives are convinced that Miss Ramsden was ab-ducted when she left an adult training centre in Bridport on April 9. She was seen by a witness in the company of a faired-haired man, wearing a jumper with a zig-zag pattern, and was believed later to have been in the passenger seat of

a black Seat hatchback car. Det Chief Supt Des Donohoe, the head of Dorset CID, said the hunt for the man would continue, but he expected the enquiry to be a difficult one. He added: "We are doing everything we can to pull a rabbit out of the hat."

A funeral service cannot be held until Miss Ramsden's remains are released by the coroner, but a memorial ser-vice is likely to take place soon in Bridport, where she was well-known. Flowers and messages of sympathy have begun arriving at her par-

to examine every part of its activities, the BBC is currently preparing a paper on its future programme services. This will be debated by the board of management and board of governors in May and the resulting document will be published later this year. That document will be the BBC's own contribution to what it hopes will be a wide ranging public debate on its future beyond 1996."

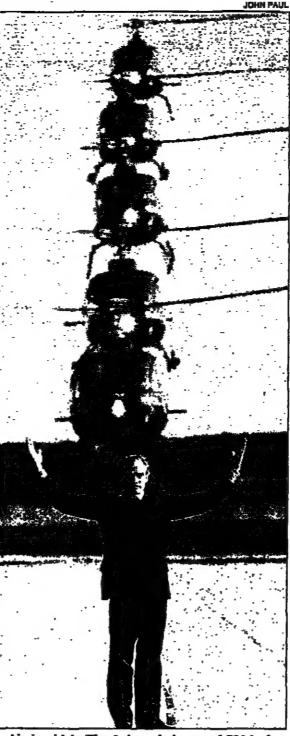
The BBC would lose most of the jobs by reducing in-house production and contracting programme-making to private enterprise. The re-port says: "The task force estimates that if its review process is rigorously applied staff numbers could be reduced by up to 10,000 (from January 1991 figures) by the charter renewal date as a consequence of buying-in services, producer choice and other initiatives, thus releasing significant funds for pro-

gramme making."
Producer choice, an initiative launched last November, allows BBC producers to buy in services for the first time to save costs.

Since Sir Michael became director-general in 1987 the BBC has lost 3,000 jobs in the process of making the corporation "leaner and fitter", and in December he warned that another 3,000 might go by 1993. Against that, 1,000 new jobs have been created in the news and current affairs department. The BBC is also rationalising the property it owns, and has already sold its Lime Grove studios in Shepherd's Bush. Sir Michael has denied

union claims that the new structures he is putting place means BBC is to become a publisher instead of a programme producer. The task force accepts that

there are powerful sceptics in the BBC who believe that the BBC's reputation of high quality programming lies in its remaining a self-contained unit. The report says, however: "The more competitive broadcasting environment of the 1990s is proving a power-ful spur for change."



Aiming high: Tim Laing, chairman of PLM of Inverness, whose helicopters are being used to track deer in Scotland and to monitor forestry

Protein found in burn patients may cure arthritis

By Nigel Hawkes, science editor

CLINICAL trials of a new treatment for rheumatoid arthritis are producing promising results, British medical research workers said yesterday. A genetically engineered version of a protein developed at Bristol University can stop the progress of the disease in mice and is now being tested on human patients.

Professor Ian Silver, of the department of pathology, said that results so far had been very encouraging. "We believe this forms the basis of a major advance in the prevention and treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, one of the commonest crippling

The work of Dr Chris Elson and his team, he said, was at the forefront of research into "heat-shock" proteins, which are produced naturally in the bodies of burns patients. The protein appears to be one of the normal responses to heat and shock, and is found in creatures ranging from fruit flies to man.

The Bristol ream has shown that the protein, when injected into mice, can prevent them developing arthritis. They also found that when injected after the mice had developed the disease, its progress was slowed. "We believe therefore it could be useful both in prevention and treatment of the disease," Professor Silver said.

The disclosure came as Professor Silver defended the use of animals in research, after a group of students had protested to Sir John Kingman, vicechancellor at Bristol. They urged the end of all experimentation and said charities should stop funding univer-

Tansy Evans, of the univerand cruel. Some of our memexperiments but would support stricter methods of control and more research into alternative methods."

cancer drug on their own (Nigel Hawkes writes). The charities say that re-strictions the council wants to

The council had said that it would participate only if the trial were restricted to women whose cancer risk was assessed at four times the average. The charities say that that would so reduce numbers as to make the trial worthless.

sity work involving animals. The use of mice in the arthritis experiments was necessary, said Professor Silver, if a cure was to be found for the disease. He claimed that the anti-vivisectionists were making "slanted and inaccurate" objections to the laboratory work. "They are giving opin-ions rather than fact," he

the army in 1960 after 36 years, was one of two men sity's animal welfare group. said yesterday: "We believe Caterham, Surrey, with 20 elderly women. His victim that many of the animal experiments are unnecessary had upset him at a party by sitting on another man's lap She accused him of flirting. "I bers are not against animal had a dream about witches and thought she was one and I had to do something about it. She was a shrew," Upfold said. She taunted him about

Cancer trial to go ahead

THE Imperial Cancer Re-search Fund and the Cancer Research Campaign have de-fied the Medical Research Council by deciding to go ahead with a trial of a breast

put on the trial of the drug tamoxifen would make the tests worthless. They intend to fund the trial, involving 15,000 women and costing perhaps £2.5 million.

ished responsibility. Judge Denison put him on probation for two years. Robber, 17 netted £20,000

Ex-major, 82, killed jealous pensioner

A FORMER major, aged 82, walked free from the Central

Criminal Court yesterday

after he admitted killing a

woman friend who accused

him of having affairs with

other pensioners. Frederick

Upfold battered Dorothy

Andress, aged 74, uncon-

scious with a wine bottle before slitting her throat at the

Upfold, who retired from

who lived at the hostel in

his relationships with "other

old trouts" and accused him

of "making love to loads of

women. Something snapped

He admitted manslaughter

but pleaded not guilty to mur-

der on the grounds of dimin-

and I had to kill the witch."

hostel where they lived.



A bank robber, aged 17, was sentenced to seven years' custody yesterday for raids net-ting nearly £20,000. Leon Scarlett, above, admitted six robberies and two attempted robberies at banks and buildand asked for four others to

> on clothes, night-clubs and cocaine. Scarlett, of Stratford, east London, was said to have learnt quickly after his first raid with two other men. While on bail he absconded and robbed alone.

be considered. A Central Criminal Court judge was

told that he spent the money

Miner killed

Alexander Stewart, aged 32, a face worker at Scotland's only deep mine, died yesterday in a roof fall one and a Mr Stewart, a married man, had worked at the Longannet pit in Fife since 1989. He had worked previously at two other pits, which were closed by British Coal. Two colleagues escaped the fall and his body was recovered by a rescue team three hours later.

Jailing quashed The High Court yesterday upheld an appeal against the jailing of a woman for failing to pay her poll tax. Mr Justice Schiemann ruled that Anne Ursell, aged 67, of Sitt-ingbourne, Kent, who served half of her 30-day sentence. was unlawfully denied a final

hearing by Sittingbourne magistrates before a committal order was brought into

PC killed

A policeman was killed by a hit and run driver in Brixton. south London, early yesterday. PC Stephen Lawrence Perks. aged 28, of Croydon. was in Brixton Hill on his way home when his Honda motor cycle was his by a Ford Sierra which did not stop. The white car, with a black spoiler, was later found abandoned

On the mend

The Queen Mother, who missed the Cheltenham festival because of a cold, was said to be feeling better yesterday.

Stricter limit on A-level coursework

By John O'Leary, Education correspondent

THE government's clampdown on coursework spread to A-levels yesterday, as the School Examinations and Assessment Council issued new guidelines that will halve the marks awarded outside examinations in some subjects.

Written examinations will account for at least 80 per cent of the marks in most subjects. Lord Griffiths, the chairman of the council, said that the restrictions were necessary to guarantee comparability between examination boards, ensuring that A-level maintained its position as the "gold standard" of post-16 education.

The proposals reflect John Major's insistence that coursework limits recently imposed on GCSEs should be extended to A and AS-levels. Jack Straw, the Labour education spokesman, said he was sceptical about the restrictions, but a Labour government would assess the results of consultation before deciding whether to imple-

ment the new principles Heavily practical subjects economics and craft, design and technology will be allowed to exceed the 20 per cent limit. A number of English, business studies, computing and economics courses will have to be revamped. Some award more than half their marks for Almost 700,000 A-levels

were taken last year, with coursework playing an increasingly important part. In AS levels, which will be subject to the same restrictions. an even greater proportion of marks was earned outside examinations.

The new guidelines, which were rushed out before the

election so that they would not be held up, demand that all work assessed by a school's own teachers is approved by external examiners. Modular courses will have to include terminal examinations, and

restrictions.

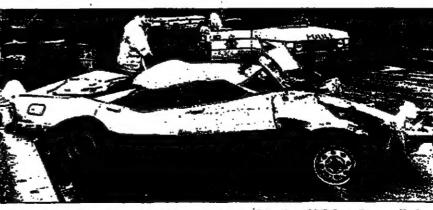
Lord Griffiths, a former adviser to Margaret Thatcher, said that A-levels would remain essentially the same after 40 years of success. Op-

position parties and some educational groups have been pressing for integration with vocational qualifications.

Reforms, such as Labour's plan for five A-levels to broaden the sixth form curriculum. would endanger standards. Lord Griffiths said. Vocational qualifications could acquire equal prestige through separate reform. The new principles make

no mention of the council's earlier commitment to the inclusion of "core skills", such as teamwork, foreign lan-guages and familiarity with information technology. Lord Griffiths said that there was no room in A-level syllabuses. All new A and AS levels will

lines, if they are confirmed by the new government. The first examinations will take place in 1994, and by 1997 all courses will meet the



Crushed: the car in which four members of the band Violent Storm died

Pop quartet die in M4 crash

FOUR members of a pop group, including two broth-ers died yesterday when their car hit a motorway bridge as they were travelling to a concert in Spain. The singer and only survivor of rock band

Violent Storm is critically ill. The group left Cardiff. south Wales, before dawn to travel to Garwick airport for an early morning flight to

Madrid, where they were due to play in an open air concert this weekend. Their car crashed into a concrete bridge support on the M4 near Bristol.

The weather conditions were wet and windy but the cause of the accident is not yet known." Inspector Colin Ben-son said. Rescuers found the four dead in the wreckage of their Ford Cortina and singer Billy Bartlett, aged 24, 20 yards away. He had been thrown through the

Brian Sheeley, aged 25, the lead guitarist, and his brother Darren, aged 18, the drummer, were named as two of the dead. The other two will not be named until relatives have been informed.

Punter cleans up with £567,000 win

BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

DICK Mussell was up at 5am as usual yesterday to go to his office cleaning job. Then, his work finished, he was off to a champagne reception to become £567.066 richer.

In between was a visit, again as told the news that all punters hope to hear. He had beaten the system.

A simple £8 bet on a five horse accumulator on the last day of the Cheltenham Festival has set him up for life. Mr Mussell backed Duke of Monmouth at odds of 33-1. Tipping Tim at 20-1, Cool Ground at 25-1 in the Gold Cup, the big race of the day. Dusty Miller at 9-1 and Repeat The there had been a record-breaking win

Dose at 14-1. He went into the last race with £37.000 resting on the out-

Mr Mussell, aged 53. a father of six, lives with his girl friend in 2 one-bedroom flat in Bedhampton, near Portsmouth, and has had a small bet every day for the past 35 years on usual, to his favoured bookies to be horses and dogs. He never lays out more than £10 a day and his previous best win was a modest £400.

> presentation at a Portsmouth hotel where, at the end of his cleaning shift, he explained how he did it and what he was going to do with the money. Mr Mussell, a former taxi-driver, said he had heard on the car radio that

Ladbrokes made an occasion of the

and he knew it was him. But not until he dialied a race result service line did he find out how much it was. "I thought I might have won about £200:000 so you can imagine I was pleasantly surprised. Neither myself nor my girl friend Sue can believe it".

Gathering his thoughts and his cheque, he added: "I have not decided what to do with it all yet. A bungalow in the New Forest would be nice and one of those big German cars." Next in line is a visit to Toby Balding's Whitcombe Manor stables in Dorchester, Dorset, to thank Cool Ground personally for his part in the coup. "He'll win the Grand National, mark my words," the new half-millionaire said, warming at last to his achievement.

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Tory arguments never persuade, Cunningham says

Labour scorns Finance Bill guillotine

BY OUR PARLIAMENTARY STAFF

THE government forced the THE government forced the Budget-enacting Finance Bill hours was all that was needed Commons yesterday in four cisms of the Budget. hours despite bitter opposi-tion from Labour. The mea-sure is usually introduced some weeks after the Budget and it is normally well into the summer before MPs fin-

ish considering it. But the general election has meant the government had to act quickly and it took the almost unprecedented step of guillotining the bill. Dr John Cunningham, shadow leader of the House, said that the government was ending as it had begun, unable to persuade people by argument and debate but determined to railroad its ideas through Parliament regardless. "The government has never learnt from its mistakes in the way it has approached business in this Parliament," he said.

John MacGregor, leader of the House, rejected Labour's allegations that the government was ending the session with its legislative pro-

through all stages in the to demolish Opposition criti-

David Mellor, Treasury chief secretary, moving the second reading of the bill, said that unless it passed into law before the dissolution, Customs and Excise would have to repay the increased duties which had been collected since the Budget.

The changes in income tax would not have been possible before the new notices of coding were due to be sent out and when the changes eventually came in extra burdens would have been placed on the Inland Revenue and em-ployers in sending our a sec-ond batch of notices. After the election, a further Finance Bill would be brought in, at least 75 pages long, imple-menting among other things the rise in the threshhold for inheritance tax.

Dr Cunningham said that the government was anxious to get out to the country before its Budget had been rumbled. After the initial enthusiasm in the City, analysts had now given the Bud-get "a flock of mumbs down". It was "a huge political mis-judgment" and would mean nothing by the time people had to pay higher bills for gas, electricity and water and increased petrol prices. "This is going to override any benefit to low-income families. It is not going to wash."

Mr Mellor returned to the attack on Labour over its op-position to the reduced band of income tax of 20p in the pound on the first £2,000 of taxable income. He maintained that John Smith intended to introduce his al-ternative Budget on Tuesday to take account of the criticism of Labour's plan to raise the national insurance contributions and to impose a higher rate of 50p. These in-creases, Mr Mellor said, would hit people on average wages in the south of the

country. Was the shadow. Chancellor, he asked, propos-ing to clisib down on this and, in order to find the money, having to tax those on very low incomes?

He rejected claims that up to 800 extra staff would be required to deal with the change and said that only about 300 more people would be required in the first year.

Margaret Beckett, shadow Treasury chief secretary, said that it was a buy-now-paylater Budget for a buy-nowpay-later election. It showed that one could not teach an old government new tricks. In 1983, the government had cut raxes before the election and cut spending after.

To have a four-hour debate on the guillotine motion and the whole of the Finance Bill was an extraordinary precedent, even for this government, and was due not to accident, but to the mismanagement and sheer incompetence of the government which could not even get its election timing right. It is designed to address, not the circumstances of the country, but the narrow purposes of

the Conservative party." The government expected credit for easing in the bill the problems they alone had created. It was a whimper with which to end this Parliament but it was not loud enough to drown the cries of protest from those with no jobs and no prospect of jobs.

Alan Beith, Liberal Democrat spokesman, said the Budget offered no hope of getting Britain out of recession, no hope of reversing the pattern of decline in manufacturing industry, or of providing those things that could make industry prosperous and competitive.

The guillotine motion was carried by 321 votes to 149 and the clause bringing in the 20p band was carried by 325 votes to 143.



Beckett: this is a buy-now-pay-later Budget

Supergun enquiry blames officials

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

of parts of the Iraqi supergun, according to the report of the parliamentary enquiry to be published on Monday.

After nearly three years of delving into the murky world of the international arms trade and its contribu-tion to President Saddam Hussein's military might, the Commons trade and industry committee remained deeply divided yesterday be-tween the "cock-up and conspiracy theories" in the final

stage of the enquiry.

A group of Tory MPs
blame the failure to stop exports of military equipment in breach of the UN arms embargo in the Eighties on the failure of procedures and communication be-tween departments. Opposi-tion parties, however, suspect a worldwide intelligence operation that went wrong. The MPs were hampered by their inability to question the security ser-vices or Sir Hal Miller, the Tory MP with alleged intelligence contacts.

The supergun saga came to light when customs seized giant tubes, destined for

Overnment officials are blamed for allowing the export by British firms labeled by the murder in Brussels, allegedly by Mossad, the Israeli intelligence service, of Dr Gerald Bull, inventor of the supergun, known as Project Babylon.

The trade department said last summer that military equipment had been li-censed for export to Sad-dam's regime up until Iraq's invasion of Kuwait. After the Gulf war, UN officials found that one supergun had been test fired, pointing towards Israel, and with the capability but not the mech-

capability but not the mech-anism for carrying nuclear and chemical warheads. In the last private session yesterday, four Conservative MPs refused to put their names to the report as they completed discussions on the final drafting. They were defeated by the remaining Labour and Liberal Demo-crat MPs and by Sir Robin crat MPs and by Sir Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, Conserva-tive, who voted for the reort to be published.
One committee source

said yesterday: "The great conspiracy is not proven. As yet, there is no evidence that the intelligence services knew what was going on."
Four Opposition MPs

failed to win approval for a British and other intellisection sharply criticising the intelligence services. They also supported evidence from Christopher Cowley, one of Project Babylon's executives, that intelli-

gence services were kept

and other intelligence services from the outset. It is a serious matter if ministers were not informed and brings into question the accountability of the intelligence sources which needs to be urgently examined if similar serious lapses are to be avoided in the future."

gence services. Dr Cowley

claimed that at an early

stage he had kept the Brit-

ish intelligence service in-

formed about this matter

and that to his knowledge

Dr [Gerald] Bull had been in touch with the American

n the final report minis ters are understood to escape censure, but customs officials and defence and trade department officials are blamed for failing to block the exports in breach of the UN arms embargo.

Sir Hal Miller, Conserva-tive MP for Bromsgrove, is censured for refusing to cooperate with the enquiry. The report says that he re-fused three requests to give evidence on his role after the MPs were told that he acted as a go-between for the Halesowen-based firm Walter Somers and government



Sir Hal: censured for refusal to co-operate

informed about the con-tracts for the project in Brit-ain and Belgium. Their amendment, which amounts to a minority re-port, states: "It seems hard-ly credible that a large military project such as Bab-ylon would not be known to



Schools charter

agreed THE bill providing a ing local education authorities to publish league tables showing the suc-cess rates of their schools completed its parliamentary passage.

In a surprise defeat in the Lords early last week, the provision privatising the schools inspectorate was deleted. Had the government insisted on re-inserting it in the Commons, the bill would have. been lost because of a lack of time before dissolution on Monday.

Malawi helped



As the drought continues in southern Africa, the government has made a further E1 million of aid available, Lynda Chalker (above), overseas aid minister, announced in a written reply. It will be in the form of a contribution to the World Food Proprogramme for vulnerable groups in Malawi.

Lords bills

Five bills were rushed through the Lords and will get royal assent on Monday. The Timeshare Bill provides a cooling-off period; the Competition and Service (Utilities) Bill sets standards for the privatised monopolies; the Sexual Offences (Amendment) Bill gives anonymity to the victims of sexual offences; the Transport and Works Bill provides for the breathtesting of train drivers: and the Sea Fisheries (Wildlife Conservation) Bill provides greater protection for wildlife.

Fire clears Commons

THE Commons sitting was suspended for ten minutes yesterday when smoke and fumes from a fire in a lift shaft machine room were sucked into the chamber's ventilation system. The fire brigade put the fire out.

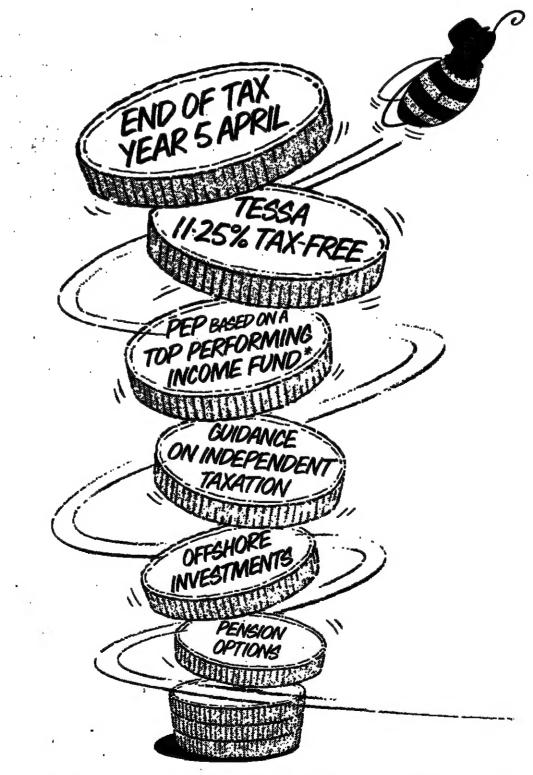
David Mellor, the Treasury minister, who was speaking on the Finance bill when the furnes were noticed, said that he would continue "even as the flames are licking around

Mr Mellor, who remarked when MPs first complained of a burning smell that his speech was "not inflamma tory", became increasingly uneasy as members of the public were cleared from the Strangers' Gallery. After frequent pauses, he asked Betty Boothroyd, the deputy Speaker, to suspend the sitting because he was finding the

fumes "pretty awful". The police said that the fire had started when welders set fire to some cork and bitumen in the plant room. After dealing with the fire, fire fighters had to cool some oxyacetylene cylinders being used by the

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operations, the better. But does this really mean the end of NHS underfunding?

Can it be that the people responsible for the loss of a quarter of all NHS beds have really had a change of heart? It would be nice to think so. But what date have Health Service Managers been given to achieve this reduction in waiting list numbers?

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Armenia chips away at last Azerbaijani bases in Karabakh

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN AGDAM

ON EVERY return to Agdan. Armenian bombardments have eroded the town a litte further: a building destoyed here, a few windows blwn out there. In the past two days, nine civilians have ben killed. A constant steam of refugees is pouring

ou of the town. Vatik Talibov, the Azerbaijail deputy interior minister, pased through Agdam yes-teriay on his way to hold talks wih Armenian leaders about. a tuce in the Nagorno-Karabach region and an exchange of hostages. Four Armenian prsoners, two men and a woman with a baby, were

being kept at the headquarters of the Popular Front in the town. They had come from Azerbaijani prisons and were being held for exchange of the hundreds of Azerbaijani prisoners from Khodjaly being held by the Armenians.

prisoner will not see home again. Dumped in the grass at a cemetery in Agdam was the hideously burnt body of a man, the lower part of his face blown away by a bullet, his feet tied together by electric cable. The ground around the body was scorched, and there was a pool of blood. Azerbaijanis said that he was an Azer-

of transformation is not easy, aside from familiar

off-the-peg schemes of overseas visitors — weekend warriors pontificating for two days — are not of much help when everything is in upheaval. What mat-

ters is practical experience,

how to invoice properly or arrange an overseas loan, where foreign advisers can

help. Not surprisingly,

there is a sense that any-thing goes. One Western lawyer said the foreign cli-

ents who adjusted best were South Americans; they asked the right ques-tion: who do we bribe?

Serbei Mischenko, a

local economist turned en-

trepreneur, talks of "wild"

privatisation in which en-

terprises are taken over ac-cording to the interests of the senior managers rather

than by the rules. Conflicts of interest are rife. Inves-

tors have to learn "tele-phone law": the law is whatever the minister tells

That will change in time with the approval of laws and the gradual spread of Western business ethics

and enterprise after de-cades of bureaucracy.

Ment towards a free-

market economy in Ukraine will be uneven. But

the black market and the

spread of stock or commod-ity exchanges — wholesale auction houses in which

everything from petrol to clothing is bought — are signs of a latent entrepre-neurial spirit and a willing-

ness to adapt.

At present, with its blackmarket dealers, gangsters
and bribery, Kiev may be
more akin to the Vienna of
Harry Lime and The Third

Man in the late 1940s than

any other contemporary European city. Like Chica-

go and San Francisco in the

last century, such activity is a sign of vitality and hope. Peter Riddell will chair a

free-market theories work in practice in countries like Ukraine on Open Mind on BBC Radio 4 at 10.15pm

you it is on the phone.

KIEV NOTEBOOK by Peter Riddell

Wait for coupons and Western cash

Sorry, no roubles. The sign at the foreign ex-hange centre in Kiev was plunt, and the door lady pehind the counter was even more uncompromiscame a black-market currency dealer. After more than 20 years of writing last discovering what sup-ply and demand means in practice when three currencies are in circulation.

The declaration of Ukrainian independence last year has severely disrupted normal business. All that matters is cash. Moscow is restricting supplies of rou-bles and the republic's new coupons (being issued to Ukrainians ahead of its new currency) are only just tarting to be used. The American dollar is the main urrency for free-market leals. The official exchange entres quickly run out of publes each morning; ience the sign.

Unfortunately, old buraucratic habits do not die wickly. I had some surphis publes which I had to sell ince I was leaving the ountry. The counter lady, till a courade rather than o buy them back; it was the ule. A German businessnan needed dollars, so in tont of the counter lady we regotiated a black market eal, at the official rate vith no profit to either, and 10 commission to the ex-

hange centre. It was absurd, and typical f the economic mess in Ukraine. Russia has susended most supplies of etrol, so there are shortat night in black-market eals, and not many cars re seen on the broad bouevards of Kiev. Those there re often reck of petrol with erry cans on back seats.

Jereate everything, since it has been a branch ffice of Moscow for more tan 70 years. So its lead-es — still mostly the old communist apparatchiks resenting new faces — are laving to struggle with the win challenges of indepenence and of turning a com-nand economy into a freenarket one.

It is decolonisation on a nuge scale for a country of nearly 52 million people. There is the advantage of a arge Ukrainian diaspora, specially in Canada and the US but also in Britain, now keen to help rebuild

ans, but the circumstances. occuring four miles behind the lines, make this unlikely. He was probably killed in revenge for the massacre by the Armenians of Azerbaijani refugees from Khodjaly. One probable Armenian The mood in Agdam is one

of increasing nervousness as the Armenians overcome the last Azerbaijani positions in Nagorno-Karabakh. In an offensive nine miles northwest of Agdam on Thursday, the Armenians captured the vi-lages of Surkhavent, Manikli and Bashkunepaya and two collective farm centres.

baijani killed by the Armeni-

Majid Agayev, the com-mander of the local defence force at Surkhavent, said the Armenians had attacked at midday with about 20 ar-moured vehicles and more than 1,000 infantry in snow camouflage uniforms. He said that he saw Russian soldiers with them through his binoculars.

In the battle, the Armenians lost five armoured vehicles to Azerbaijani mines, while the local force lost two of theirs before abandoning the village. Mr Agayev said that 20 Azerbaijanis were killed, including two women and three children, ten were missing and five have been taken prisoner.

easy; aside from familiar political tensions with Moscow, the economic costs are large and parliament recently objected to pay curbs. Normal financial or legal structures do not yet exist, although legislation was approved this week to encourage foreign investment. Yusif Abdiev, a lieutenant commanding an armoured personnel carrier guarding Agdam, and his crew are Lezghins, a Muslim people from the neighbouring autonomous republic of Dagestan. Also helping the Popular Front in Agdam was a man from Chechenia, a rebel region within Russia, and a Tajik from Central Asia. The latter said he had come to Azerbaijan to fight-because "All Muslims should defend each other's land against aggression."

Boutros Boutros Ghali, the United Nations secretarygeneral, announced yesterday that Cyrus Vance, the special envoy who arranged a peacekeeping operation in Croatia, is to make a factfinding mission to the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, marking the first direct UN involvement in the four-year conflict. Dr Boutros Ghali emphasised that Mr Vance's trip was intended to support peace efforts by the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, and he welcomed the plan by Jiri Dienstbier, the Czech foreign minister and current presi-dent of the CSCE, to visit the enclave himself.



Blowing in the wind: a man holding a buffeted umbrella battles yesterday against the March elements in a Freiburg park near the Black Forest in Germany. The week has brought the area driving winds, heavy showers and a hard layer of snow

Orthodox leaders cement new ties

FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

SHADES of the eastern Roman empire re-emerged yesterday in a working class neighbourhood of the now virtually entirely Muslim city of Istanbul as the 12 spiritual leaders of Orthodox Christianity assembled for a synaxis or spiritual convocation, described by their spokesman and leading theologian, John of Pergamon, as an occasion without precedent in the eastern

The 12 primates are guests of the newly anointed Bartholomew I, whose full title is Archbishop of Constantinople—the New Rome and the Ecumenical Patriarch. He ranks as the "first among equals" among the primates of the autonomous orthodoxies. The patriarchs of Cyprus and of Georgia, who for their different political reasons were unable to attend, were represented at the meeting.

The congregation, whose opening ceremony yesterday evening was scheduled to twait Alexis. Patriarch of Moscow, continues today behind closed doors. The meeting concludes tomorrow with a joint celebration of the liturgy in the patriarchal church of St George.

The ecumenical patriarch is in the recently restored but relatively modest nineteenth century buildings of Phanar, a district alongside Istanbul's Golden Horn where the Greek merchants of the Otto man empire once had their villas. There are now scarcely 5,000 Greek Orthodox left in

Turkey, however. This somewhat run-down neighbourhood is an unlikely setting for what is in effect an ecclesiastic summit designed so that church leaders from Antioch to Helsinki can, in the words of the Metropolitan of Pergamon, "establish per-sonal contacts." Internal issues affecting churches would deliberately not be discussed,

Instead one of the most sensitive topics will be the challenge of what Bartholomew, the Ecumenical Patriarch, has described as filling the "spiritual void" left be-hind after the dissolution of the Soviet bloc. He is known in particular to be critical of the complacency shown by the different national churches during the communist era.

enge, as attested to by a large contingent of Italian media at yesterday's opening, is suspi-cion of others trying to fill the vacuum. Orthodox leaders interpret the Catholic church proclamation of an era of evangelism in Europe as an attempt to fish for souls in eastern Europe and the Caucasus where the bulk of the estimated 300 million communicants of Orthodoxy

Delors stirs fears in German states

Ian Murray in Bonn reports on demands from the 16 German states for rights of veto and negotiation in dealings with the European Community

THE 16 German Länder are fighting to protect their sover-eignty from the European Community. Worried that the federal government in Bonn is ready to hand over too much authority to Brussels in the wake of the Maastricht summit, the states are demanding a right of veto on any power transfer, and a seat at negotiations for the 'Deiors II package" - the

community's five-year financial plan to cover 1993-1997. The perceived threat from Brussels transcends party politics and has forged a grand coalition on the European issue among the 68 members of the Bundesrat. This is parliament's upper house, formed of representatives from the main party in each state, and which constitreaties. The opposition Social Democrats (SPD) have a majority there, but on this issue they are at one with the Christian Democrats (CDU) and the Bavarian Christian

Social Union (CSU). Yesterday the Bundesrat voted unanimously to require the government to include representatives from the states in the EC financial negotiations on the grounds that these would set the agenda for European policy in the years ahead. Thomas Goppel of the right-wing CSU said the Delors package would affect the compenence and essential interests of the states in large measure. Florian Gerster of the SPD said that, since Germany currently had to provide 28 per cent of the EC's budget, it was time to have a close look at the lower contributions made by other countries and to question the

On Thursday, the 16 state prime ministers, who be-

tween them control the Bundesrat, showed similar unanimity in demanding that the upper house be given a veto on the transfer of national power to a multinational institution. They said there was no question of the Maastricht treaties being ratified unless the constitution were

changed to give this power. In a statement after their meeting, the prime ministers said that the Maastricht treaty on political union had fallen well short of their expectations. The Community was trying to obtain more powers at the expense of the states while the powers of the European parliament were not being increased adequately

The prime ministers are insisting that the government report back to them by 1996 on progress towards economic and monetary union. They tries wanting to join the economic union have fulfilled the preconditions and that safeguards are in place to control inflation and budget deficits. They will also be looking to see what progress has been made towards making the European institutions more accountable. Unless the government guarantees to prepare this report, the Bundes-rat will block ratification.

Count Otto Lambsdorff, leader of the Free Democrats (FDP), wants to see "improve-ments" in the Maastricht treaties. The FDP has no seat in the Bundesrat, but has a voice in cabinet as junior partner in the governing coalition. In an interview with the business paper Handels-blatt yesterday. Count Lambsdorff said there had to be more discussion on the treaties "to remove the fear of the citizens about European monetary union".

PEOPLE

Black film actor is honoured

Sidney Poiner became the first black actor to receive the Life Achievement Award of the American Film Institute. Poitier, aged 68, said: "I am simply glad that you have chosen to pay me this great honour while I have still most of my hair."

Richard Moore, the American ambassador to Ireland, is to return home by August to help the campaign to re-elect President Bush. Mr Moore, a long-time Republican campaigner, has held the Irish posting since 1989.

Rod Stewart, the British rock star, has been summoned to March 30, accused of assaulting a newspaper photograph-er. Stewart, in Australia for a concert tour, is alleged to have assaulted Geoff Henderson outside a Sydney hotel.



Tammy Faye Bakker, above, wife of the disgraced preacher Jim Bakker, said she was seeking a divorce. She said she was suffering from high asthma and ventilation.

Brian Keenan, the former Beirut hostage, who was made a CBE on Thursday, has presented a cheque for £2,500 to the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims

Hot air from Rhineland puts BBC in spin over bagpipes

FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN

THE supposedly grey men at the German ministry of labour were having a hearty laugh yesterday at Britain's expense after the BBC be-latedly took a Rhineland carnival joke seriously. Outraged Scottish listen-

ers to the Today programme heard that assertive, unified Germany was making a takeover bid for the invention of the bagpipe, insisting that it should really be recognised throughout Europe as the Dudelsack because it was first blown in the little town of Dudels-heim, near Frankfurt.

Not content with forcing the European Community to recognise the independence of Croatia or demanding that the German language become an offical EC language. it seemed that Bonn was now officially claiming proprietorial

rights to the pibroch.
The first the ministry of labour in Bonn heard about the BBC report was when the German embassy in London rang to complain British government officials wanted an explanation for this latest example of Teutonic arrogance. The ministry was responsible, since the report was based on a written parliamentary answer from Norbert Blum. He is not only labour minister but leader of the Christian Democrats in North Rhine Westphalia, homeland of German Kameval,

the equivalent of April Fool. Last month he gave a fivepage written answer to a

Blum: thought British had a sense of humour

series of ten questions posed in November, at the beginning of the Karneval season, by a consortium of Bundestag members appa-rently deeply worried about the use and reputation of the Dudelsack

Herr Blum, owner of a fine collection of Karneval fool caps, answered in kind. Doodling was regulated by the European Doodleorder, protected as a cultural asset and fake doodling carried a minumum sentence of two years in a language laboratory, he replied. As far as the instrument's

origins were concerned, the minister explained this had been the subject of a special protocol added to the conclusions of the Maastricht summit, drawn up following discussions in the margins of the meeting between the two foreign ministers.

Although the protocol rec-

ognised the Scottish origins of the bagpipe, under pressure from the German side it had been accepted that the Dudelsheim influence was "unmistakable" and the characterictic pipes originated from Hesse, a

land of great piping culture. The laboured joke won no space in German papers, used to Karneval foolery. The BBC, however, treated it so seriously that Ludger Jaers, the chief labour ministry spokesman, could

scarcely believe it.
"I thought you British were supposed to have a sense of humour." he said yesterday as he dealt with



FROM JOHN PHILLIPS IN ROME

CHRISTIAN Democrat parn leaders vowed to continue tle fight against organised cime yesterday as Palermo vent into mourning for Salvitore Lima, the powerful Si-cian politician killed in a nafia-style ambush that has slaken the Italian political etablishment

"Once again obscure conspiracies threaten the path of d:mocracy," Arnaldo For-lai, the Christian Democrat scretary, said. "But those who want to destroy should know that they will not win

tle game." The killing has thrown into dsarray the plans of Giulio Andreotti, the prime ministe, to fight the campaign for tle April 5 general election ogether with Signor Lima in key Sicilian constituencies.

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Polish smokers persecuted by nanny state

FROM ROGER BOYES IN WARSAW

SOLIDARITY politicians, said: "We seem to be moving having crushed communism. quickly from a totalitarian are turning their attention to state to a nanny state - and smokers, raising fears that Poland may take the Califorthis nanny has handcuffs.".

The new governments of nian road to capitalism. Central Europe seem to have A draft non-smoking law. found a taste for inhibiting political freedom, albeit for to be discussed in the Senate, goes much further even than reasons of health or morality. Warsaw has made the wear-European Community guideing of safety belts compulsory lines. All tobacco advertisements will be banned from even for back-seat .passengers. A tough anti-abortelevision and actors will not be shown smoking on the screen. Smoking will be out-lawed in pharmacies, public tion bill, shelved in the last parliament, is being revived. The anti-smoking bill pro-

panies. Under communism,

aware of certain Western

East Europeans were already

transport, hospitals, schools vides for imprisonment or fines for those who import - even staff common rooms - and anti-smoking classes are to be included in the and distribute nicotine-flavoured chewing gum and for cigarette manufacturers who school curriculum. Nobody fail to carry a grim health will be allowed to smoke in an warning on their packets.

The newly democratic East office if there are non-smokers present. In a clause that has stunned the libertarian European states are seen as wing of the Solidarity-based one of the few growth areas parties, the bill bans smoking for Western tobacco com-

in your own car. One leading

member of the conservative

Union for Realpolitik party

brands, because they were sold through hard currency stores. In Romania, Kent cigarettes even served as a substitute currency. On the whole, though, sales to communist Europe were low. Now the state tobacco monopolies are being broken and Western manufacturers are jostling for position in a largely unregulared market.

Wall of death: an Azerbaijani walking past empty coffins stacked against

the mosque in Agdam, ready for the next wave of victims in the conflict

According to Piotr Mierzewski, the deputy health minister, Poland has Europe's highest growth rate in lung cancer. Smoking also adds to the large number of respiratory diseases (19,000 new cases of tuberculosis were reported last year) and helps to depress male life expectancy.

There is a fear that the tobacco giants will use their resources to promote a glamorous image of smokers, and get young people hooked. Mariboros are already something of a status symbol with young central European pro-

acrid Bulgarian. Albanian and home brands. The Western strategy goes well beyond stepping up imports. British-American Tobacco has signed a joint venture in Hungary, R. J. Reynolds is planning to make Camels in Kazakhstan and Philip Morris has been using eastern Germany as a production base. It seems doubtful that even strict legislation can stop this invasion. Most Poles are aware of the health risks of smoking, but cigarenes are a symbol not just of masculinity, adulthood or sophistication, but also of political seriousness. Dissidents smoked their way through the 1970s and 1980s, and all three Solidarity prime ministers have been smokers. Most former communist leaders have given up the habit, perhans because they need to extend their lifespan to have a chance of reclaiming power.

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Buchanan's guides in conflict as he reaches the crossroads



Buchanan: fate of the right lies in his hands

PRESIDENT Bush travelled to Michigan yesterday hoping that a final push against Patrick Buchanan next week will end the Republican presidential race. Especially for the occasion, the Bush campaign has saved its first "TV fun attack", depicting its irritant challenger as the bonnet of his own Mercedes car.

The message: Mr Buchanan says "America first" in the campaign but "America last" when he opens his garage door. The White House wants its "Mercedes-man" to overwhelm Mr Buchanan's otherwise attractive protectionist appeal to Detroit car workers. The more important debate

this weekend, however, is taking place at Buchanan headquarters, here in Washington, a place which has been bombarded with more contrary advice in the past two days than Fort Pulaski received in the civil war. What-ever happens in Michigan,

will concentrate all our ener-

gies to ensure that Codesa

However, the ANC would

dience if the Conservative

party came to power and at-tempted to halt the reform

process. "Whites can have an

election if they wish, but we

have the capacity to bring down any government that tries to bring back apartheid.

The Nationalists abandoned

apartheid not because they

suddenly became democrats,

but because they could not resist the pressures for re-

form. We will do the same to

the Conservative party, if

necessary."

Mr Mandela said he was

recently invited to tea by the

mayor of a Conservative

white town in the Orange Free State. They had a cordial

meeting, and Mr Mandela regarded the event as signifi-cant. "It is difficult for a

generation of whites, subjected to racial indoctrination, to

accept new policies of govern-

ment. But I believe that, with

contact, it is possible to con-

servative campaign for a re-

vised form of apartheid, Mr

Mandela remains optimistic

that sanity will prevail. The

right wing can do some dam-

age in the short term, but in

the long term I have not the

slightest doubt that the forces

for peace are stronger. I am convinced that democracy is attainable in our lifetime."

Evidently there are those

who disagree. Two National

party offices in the northern

Transvaal were wrecked by

bombs before dawn yester-

day. Police recovered traces of

commercial explosives, the la-

voured weapon of right-wing

extremists. Violence in black

townships has escalated

sharply, with about 100

deaths in the past 10 days. Yesterday's toll of 24 was the

worst this year. Some black

groups claim the violence is

intended to undermine white

support for the referendum.

Mandela: ANC will not

revert to violence

vince anyone.

moves forward."

Many supporters of Patrick Buchanan want him to leave the Republican race to prepare for 1996, Peter Stothard, US Editor, writes from Washington

his young campaign team wants him to go on to California in June, the primary which the rebel candidate, using his favourite imagery, has vowed to make the Antietam of 1992, as bloody as the bloodiest ever battle on American soil.

More experienced Republicans, both self-serving Bush supporters and cooler-headed him to stop. His own future and the future of the American right - may hang on the choice that he makes.

Mr Buchanan is daily surrounded by the aides who guided him so successfully through New Hampshire and Georgia but who, on

Super Tuesday, spread their efforts too thinly and fell back before the massed Bush advance. The core aim of these Buchananites is still to destroy the president.

They have heard their candidate's "Bush the betrayer" eech so often now that they think of little else. The angry conservatives of California, they pray, will give them the last and greatest primary victory of all - turning the Republican convention into a pro-Buchanan riot.

Even if Mr Buchanan loses in California, they calculate, he will so weaken Mr Bush as to make him easy meat for a moderate Democrat like Bill Clinton. For this brand of



conservative, the model is Ronald Reagan's weakening of Gerald Ford in 1976. "Well worth four years of Carter or Clinton", they say. "in order to get eight years of Reagan or Buchanan".

As a bonus, their argument runs, a Democratic victory helps Mr Buchanan win the 1996 nomination by removing his biggest rival, Dan Quayle, from the vice-presidency. Mr Quayle, once stripped of the perks of office,

threat. A number of other 1996 hopefuls, including the wily Senator Phil Gramm of Texas, see the same attraction in Mr Quayle's enforced re-

Senator Gramm, however, is publicly backing Mr Bush. He thinks that most conservatives are Republicans first and conservatives second. Many experienced support-ers of Mr Buchanan think that he should take the same view and, having made his case, should now get out of

Their argument is that Mr Buchanan cannot win the nomination in 1992 and will not win it in 1996 unless he has the party fund-raising machines behind him. It may not matter to young activists if George Bush loses, but it matters enormously to the Texas oilmen, California industrialists and Wall Street bankers whose long-established Republican contacts at the working levels of the administration would be replaced by unknown, and possibly unsympathetic. Democrais.

In 1996 Mr Buchanan will badly need the "Team 100". the men who guarantee to raise \$100.000 (£58,000) for a campaign. He cannot risk them transferring directly to Dan Quayle or to Dick Cheney, the defence secretary. The Buchanan campaign has already disaffected many of the religious right-wing fund-raisers in Washington - not so much because he has opposed their views but because he has ignored their advice

and their power. The first primary of the 1996 campaign will be the money-raising race in 1993. Mr Buchanan needs to be in

The scenarios which Mr Buchanan must consider are many. The odds of good and bad outcomes for him a finely balanced. The result n Michigan will have some uppact since, if the "Mercedeman" advertisements fail aid he wins more than 40 pt cent of the Republican vote it is hard to contemplate hin

withdrawing.

If his vote fails to reach D per cent, the choice will alo be easy. He can withdraw gracefully, save his campaign funds, study the lessons where he went wrong, and live to fight another day. Whoever wins the presidenty in November, that day is likto come very soon.

If, as seems likely, the resit in Michigan lies somewhere in between, Mr Buchann will need to look up and take long view of his prospecs. That is never the easiest thing to do when you are fined and an arms. to do when you are tired aid adrenalin-driven, and who your face is appearing on the front of a German car every

Mandela says blacks can block return to apartheid

NELSON Mandela, the president of the African National Congress, said yesterday that South Africa's blacks had the capacity to bring down any government that tried to bring back apartheid.

Addressing foreign journalists here, he said the ANC would not revert to violence if President de Klerk and his National party lost the coming referendum. Its primary concern was to pursue multiparty negotiations at the convention for a democratic South Africa (Codesa).

"We are not concerned about Mr de Klerk's future or that of the National party. We are concerned about Codesa. If he resigns and calls an election, that is his affair. We

Summit eclipsed by moon

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

ISLAMIC states have requested that the dates of this summer's Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro be changed because of the moon. Muslim that the scheduled gathering of June 1-12 will clash with the sighting of the moon marking Eid al Adha, the Feast of Sacrifice, one of Islum's holiest festivals, around June 11.

As a result, Tommy Koh, the Singaporean conference chairman, has proposed the dates be shifted to June 3-14 to allow Islamic leaders to attend the crucial last two days of the conference. The expected 8,000 official delegates, including some 100 presidents and prime ministers, 3,000 journalists and 20,000 other visitors would have to change their plans.

Talks are under way at the United Nations in New York on final preparations for the summit. Maurice Strong, the Canadian secretary-general of the Rio meeting, has caused some consternation by suggesting that industrialised countries should provide \$125 billion (£73.5 billion) in environmental aid to poor nations to implement the Earth Summit's agenda. In a speech this week he criticised America, particularly for its low energy prices, and acronmental aggression against the rest of the world.

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Jibril's camps moved to Iran

BY MICHAEL EVANS

THE principal training camps for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command, one of the most radical of the Palestinian guerrilla groups, are being switched from Syria to Iran, according to Western and Middle East intelligence.
The PFLP-GC, which is led

by Ahmed Jibril, a former Syrian intelligence officer, was alleged to have been involved in the bombing of the Pan American airliner over Lockerble in Scotland, in which 270 people were killed. However, the only charges made so far, following the American and Scottish police investigations, have been levelled against two Libyan intelligence officers.

The change in location for much of the front's organisation is one element of an increasingly close relation-ship between Syria and Iran. Meetings between the two intelligence services are reported to have taken place in Tehran and Damascus towards the end of last year, during which it was agreed that the organisation's members would be redeployed to three training camps in Iran.

The camps are believed to be in the area of Khorramabad and Kermanshah in western Iran and a third one in southern Iran. Mr Jibril, who holds Syrian citizenship and the rank of major in the Syrian army, is expected to remain in Damascus, although some of the front's organisational headquarters will also be located near the Iranian intelligence base in

Tehran. Western experts said that the front was such a flexible organisation that a decision to switch personnel from Syria to Iran was not unexpected. Co-operation between Syria and Iran has increased since the Gulf war last year.

It is expected that authority over Mr Jibril's organisation will be shared between Tehran and Damascus. The transfer underlines Syria's wish to be viewed favourably in the West but without relinquishing control over an organisation which has acted in its interests in the past.

In Jenin, in the occupied West Bank yesterday, Israeli soldiers killed a Palestinian gunman, Khaled Fahmawi, aged 19, wounded three armed militants and detained dozens more. Military sources claimed Fahmawi was a Black Panters member.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, the United Nations said Israeli border UN employees watching the police firing live ammunition and tear gas. One of them. an American woman, was taken to hospital with severe respiratory problems.



Armed search: members of Hong Kong's elite anti-crime unit, masked to £75,000 in gold and diamonds from a shop. Two suspects were arrested

Republicans win battle to name the cheque bouncers

BY MARTIN FLETCHER THE careers of scores of American congressmen were placed in grave jeopardy yesterday when the House voted

who between them had cashed thousands of bad cheques worth millions of dollars at its private bank. The scandal claimed its first victim even before the vote. Jack Russ, the House sergeant-at-arms, resigned for inadequate supervision of the bank and for himself cashing bad cheques worth \$56,000 (£33,000).

to name all 296 members

In a belated damage-limi-tation exercise, many congressmen rushed to confess their sins when it became clear that Tom Foley, the House Speaker, had lost his battle with the Republicans to have only the worst offenders The 24 worst offenders, who individually cashed as many as 700 bad cheques worth up to \$600,000 over a 39-month period, are to be

given 10 days to examine their records and lodge appeals before their names and full details of their transgressions are made public. Ten days after that the names of the rest will be released, and few doubt that angry voters exact retribution when the House seeks re-election this November. "We should have known better," said Gerry Sikorski, a Minnesota Democrat who admitted writ-

ing 671 bad cheques. "Rubbergate" has cement-ed the popular impression of

Congress as a bastion of priviege far more concerned with its own perks and partisan bickering than with the national welfare. Fred Grandy, a Republican congressman, said the electoral ramifica tions would be "awesome" "As of today your talk show hosts have a topic, your opponent has an issue, and your constituents have a reason to

favour term limits." Because there are many more Democratic congressmen. Republicans believe the scandal gives them an un-precedented opportunity to loosen their opponents 38-year control of the House. They demanded full disclosure even though some of their own number will be

Nixon condemns **Bush for missing** historic chance

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

Richard Nixon this week enjoyed his finest mo-ment since he left the White House in disgrace nearly 20 years ago. He pitted himself against the current president of the United States and won hands down.

The villain of Watergate emerged as a statesman of stature and wisdom: George Bush as a small-minded politician of limited vision concerned only with his re-

The former president picked the optimum moment for one of his rare sallies from his monastic Californian retrest. With Mr Bush having all but forsaken foreign policy in his attempt to blunt Pat-rick Buchanan's isolationist challenge, Mr Nixon assailed the president for missing one of the most historic opportu-

nities of the century.

Unless American support to the former Soviet republics was drastically increased, he said, the most devastating political issue of the 1990s would be: "Who lost Russia?". The job of strong leaders was to make unpopular causes popular, he said, recalling how President Truman had demanded the incipient Marshall Plan despite public hostility and gone on to win re-

Mr Bush was left protesting straints as others leapt onto the Nixon bandwagon to add

their share of venom. Robert Strauss, the US ambassador in Moscow, said America's failure to increase its contributions was "outra-geous". Claiborne Pell, chairman of the Senate foreign relations committee, said US leadership had been "woelul-

ly inadequate". A bipartisan group of sena-tors sent Mr Bush a 34-page report demanding that he "do more, on a priority ba-sis", and Sam Nunn, chairman of the Senate armed services comminee, tellingly warned that Mr Bush "could very well end up winning the election and losing his place in history".

T his was a masterful pol-titical operation by Mr Nixon. He whetted appetites with a Time magazine article lass weekend lamenting that foreign policy was "the great forgotten issue" of this presi-dential election.

On Tuesday newspapers carried a leaked memorandum he had sent some 300 friends and foreign policy experts condemning Washing ton's "patheticaly inadequate" support for Bos Yeltsin. The climax was its speech on Wednesday to a gathering of Washingtons elite, organised by the Nixo

Standing erect with hands clasped in front of his at the front of a crowdel ballroom, the 79-year-old fo-mer president spoke for 3 minutes from the front of hotel ballroom without note;

lectern or hesitation. He said that Russia coul fall to a "new despotism" fa more dangerous than Sovit totalitarianism. This wis America's "moment of desny", which must be seized. Te won a standing ovation from his influential audience.

Mr Nixon's rehabilitation has gathered pace in recent years. He has published nie widely acclaimed books. In 1990 he made a triumphat return to Congress for a liture on world affairs.

His three fellow Repullithe opening of his presiden-tial library in California, aid while Gerald Ford and Renald Reagan have fallen in pe public's esteem, he has rish

steadily. Among those at Thursda's conference were senior alwho privately welcomed a speech that should make ad for Russia politically mee palatable. Also there wre many Nixon White Hose

aides and Tricia Nixon Co "My father has always ben a person who looks aheadto what he can do today," lis daughter said. He had ut Watergate behind him. "H's put it into the context of ne times and the politics of ae



Nixon: superb hatches job on president

Cleopatra myth crumbles as asp strikes back

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

A LEADING American art historian yesterday chal-lenged the widely accepted theory that Cleopatra, queen of Egypt. lover of Julius Caesar and widow of Mark Antony committed suicide at the age of 39 by holding an asp to her breast.

Robert Bianchi. former curator of the Brooklyn museum and a Cleopatra scholar for 20 years, threatened to reopen a bitter academic controversy when he told reporters here there might be a different reading of the headless statue of a woman in the Vatican's Egyptian collection. The sculpture, which some experts believe depicts the dying Cleopatra. shows a woman with a serpent on her breast. Mr Bianchi argued it may not

of how she died but merely explain its continuing popularity 2,000 years on. The reason we know so little of the real Cleopatra



or her death is because the rulers of Rome wanted to get rid of her memory", said Mr Bianchi, now affiliated with the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art. "There must have been records of what happened, but we do not have them."

Cleopatra, he alleged, was hated by the prudish Roman populace and its rulers for uring Antony away from his wife, Octavia, sister of Octavian (later emperor Augustus) who defeated her fleet off Alexandria in 31 BC. From that moment, said Mr Bianchi, little is known. When Octavian's men arrived at her retreat, they found the queen dead on a bed of gold. The burial ground where she and Mark Antony were buried together

has disappeared.

According to the scholar, a cover-up occurred about how the queen died, but it is difficult to know whether it was deliberate or accidental.

Two conflicting versions of her suicide were circulating soon after her death.

The Roman poet Horace said that she died of a poisonous snake bite. But he had never visited Egypt and had an axe to grind. Mr Bianchi said. "Roman poets thought Cleopatra was a degenerate." he added. Strabo, the Greek histori-

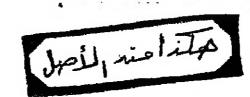
an and geographer who came to Egypt within six years of the queen's death. claimed it had resulted from a self-administered dose of poison. "The body was still warm, so to speak," said Mr Bianchi. "Presumably he asked what had happened. but of course he could have been misinformed."

Over the years, poets, artists and playrights, including William Shakespeare. Hadrian who

have preferred to believe the more romantic image that Cleopatra held an asp. a symbol of the Egyptian monarchy, to her breast. "If I had to choose one version now". Mr Bianchi said, "I would go with Strabo, who said she took poison. He had no reason to lie, no personal interest in the case."

In 1989 Jean-Claude Grenier. Egyptian expert at the Vatican's Museo Chiaramonti, published details of the headless marble statue. preserved from neck to knee. serpent lurks about the left breast. Mr Bianchi believes it may have been sculpted in Alexandria about a century after the suicide and taken to Rome soon afterwards by the emperor Hadrian who was an avid





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Clifford Longley

Christians and Jews are both 'peoples of God'

he 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America is also the anniversary of a far more sinister event, theexpulsion of the Jews from Spain. Under benign Muslim rule, Spanish Jews had for centuries enjoyed a unique flowering of their culture. This was harshly displaced by a period of racial and religious persecution, followed by wholesale expulsion in 1492. This in turn was followed by the even more severe repression of those Jews who had accepted nominal conversion to Christianity in order to remain in Spain. Having been baptised, they were regarded legally no longer as Jews, but as Christian heretics, subject to all the cruelties of the Spanish Inquisition.

The Spanish expulsion was one of the key events in Jewish diaspora history. The persecution of those who stayed - the death toll ran into thousands - is still one of the most painful parts of Jewish collective memory, perhaps second only to the Nazi Holocaust.

In addressing the phenomenon called anti-Semitism, the first principle is to recognise that it is the singular form of the disease of racism which has always been endemic to the people and culture of Europe. And there is something peculiarly perverse about the persecution of the first and archetypal monotheistic faith. The second principle is to accept that the embers of anti-Semitism can never be taken as finally extinguished. Vigilance against its reappearance is therefore a perpetual duty in every European nation. In the post-communist vacuum, this is particularly true for the Christian religion, for it contains ideas which, if wrongly handled in a recession combined with mass immigration, could become the basis for a renewal of anti-Semitism. The Jews may not be the first targets of a new wave of European racism, but history warms that they are always vulnerable.

owever, the embryonically anti-Semitic doctrines in Christianity are not evil in themselves. There is, for instance, no malign intent on the part of Protestant groups which attempt to convert Jews to Christianity. And the decision this week by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr George Carey, not to become patron of the Christian Ministry Among the Jews was not an admission that such activity is anti-Semitic per se. But what bedevils Jewish-Christian relations is that for two millennia Christians believed what the Bible seemed clearly to teach: that Judaism had not merely been succeeded by Christianity, but had been replaced by it. The Jews' privileged position as "God's chosen people" had been taken over by the Christian church, the new "People of God". The

New Covenant superseded the Old, which was thereby cancelled while its people were cursed. It seemed a small step from saying that God no longer had a use for the Jews to saying that God wished the Jews to disappear. At first, anti-Semitism was an attack only on the Jewish religion, but religion and race being so closely related in this case, racial anti-Semitism grew readily from it. And once that fatal step had been taken, it was no longer possible to make a Jew disappear simply by converting him to Christianity. The way was cleared for Hitler's "Final Solution", which is therefore an all-too-easy development from the Spanish Inquisition.

But was the Spanish Inquisition a develop-ment from the New Testament? The Jewish scholar Hyam Maccoby argues in his new book Judas Iscariot and the Myth of Jewish Evil (Peter Halban) that anti-Semitism is encouraged by the Gospel treatment of Judas. The more common complaint, now generally conceded by Christian theologians, is that St John's Gospei harks dangerously on the idea that it was the Jews who demanded Jesus's death. And many Jewish scholars take it as axiomatic that St Paul, whom they think of as the inventor of Christianity, is so be blamed for Christian anti-

It is not that simple. Officially, Christianity has fully repudiated anti-Semitism, and one of the grounds for its doing so is the teaching of St Paul that God's covenant with the Jews could never be cancelled. Thus Professor Hans Küng's new book on the Jews. Judaism (SCM Press), argues for the reinstatement in Christian perception of the Jewish people as the original and continuing "People of God". Anti-Semitism, whether racial or religious, must now be regarded by the church virtually as an attack on itself, a form of sacrilege or blasphemy. In which case, it is something the church has been deeply guilty of, and never more so than in Spain 500 years ago.

Anne McElvoy, in Austria, finds the moribund political system threatened by a rejuvenated far right

own in Carinthia, Austria's deep south, the white steeples of the dainty churches are reflected against snow-capped mountains and the village of Moosburg is smartening up its grass verges for the first influx of tourists. The young deputy mayor, Klaus Karner, who also runs the pub, seats us under the obligatory stag's head and giant crucifix and says, "Let's be honest about it, there has been a lot of onesided rubbish talked about the

Third Reich over the years."
Since Jörg Haider and his Freedom Party emerged, he says, the debate has been "a lot more objective". He admits without embarrassment that there are still houses where the picture of the Führer hangs in a back room and a lively interest is taken in recordings of his speeches and Mein Kampf.

It was never hard to find people of Karner's persuasion in Carinthia, the striking thing is that they are getting younger and no longer feel ignored in

Fanning the Nazi flame

Austrian politics. Karner spends his spare time running the local branch of the Freedom Party, the fast-rising third party which, since the charismatic Haider took over as leader in 1986, has buildozed its way into Austria's moribund political culture.

(FPÖ) started life in 1955 as a forum for old Nazi sympathizers. Its meetings in the beer gardens of Carinthia were nostable affairs, the sympathic delication of the sympathic affairs, the sympathic old sympathic affairs, the sympathic old sympathic affairs, the sympathic old sympathic old sympathic affairs, the sympathic old sympathic talgic affairs, rheumy eyed old men banging their fists on the table and belting out battle songs. Then came rejuvenation. Young, dashing, endowed with an irreverent sense of humour and talent for rhetoric, Haider brought his party out of the doldrums of the 8-10 per cent share of the vote to approaching 25 per cent in recent city elections in Vienna and Linz. In the capital the party has overtak-

tives as the second largest force in the city. It has won over both the conservative and working social democrat voters who are tired of the deadening and often corrupt consensus between the two

main parties. . Haider's platform is a mixture of economic libertarianism. draconian social policies

(he wants a total foreigner stop to immigration), plus a seasoning of pan-Germanism. His rallies attract scores of young and affluent Austrians who nod in agreement as he berates the shortcomings of the sterile duopoly and the over-



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Haider: not against

old men, the party has passed largely into the hands of young entrepreneurs who, since they have no sticky Nazi past themselves, can afford to call for a more open appraisal of the Third Reich's rights and wrongs

- by which they

usually mean its rights.
The party is cast with eerie exactitude in the image of its leader. Attending its rallies or visiting its offices, one is confronted with hundreds of little Haiders with spruce haircuts, smart suits and colourful

to offend. Feigning shock when asked why the party nods so circumspectly towards the extreme right, he indulges in his favourite pastime of leading journalists through a maze of suggestion, insinuation and half

"A lot of our laws and institutions in Austria go back to the Third Reich," he says. "We still have far too much state control in the economy and wasteful social policies like long maternity leave. They are the very things want to modernise. I have no sympathy for the state-centred. socialist element in National Socialism.

As for the national element, Haider graciously concedes that he has nothing against foreigners as such, it is just that there are too many in Austria: "Let's be honest, it is not always the best sort who come here.

The main reason for Haider's success is that he has pinpointed and exploited endemic weaknesses and hypocrisies in Austria's political system. He clothes his own ideological aims and mendacious appeal to liberalism in indisputably just criticisms of the status quo, the corrupt civil service, inefficient industries and intellectually bankrupt political discourse.

The country's tired consensus has proved incapable of dealing with this threat to its essence. There are panic-filled speeches in parliament about Haider and his Führerpartei but no real

wounding shots.
Until the Freedom Party's recent spate of successes, the overwhelming view was that it would burn itself out as Haider's novelty value waned. In those days when he spoke of his days when he spoke of his ambition to be chancellor, his opponents on both right and left laughed. They do not laugh any longer. The perception is finally dawning on this sleepiest of countries that Jorg Haider could go all the way.

Here's to the class of '59

Robert Rhodes

James recalls the outstanding young MPs who enlivened the Commons after a Tory triumph

Donald Kaberry, then a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party, addressed the Tory prospective parlia-mentary candidates. Lightheartedly he remarked that it was always useful to have a baby to trundle around the electorate, upon which a young and attractive young lady candidate rose and said: "If you can give me the date of the election. I will have a word with my husband!"

After the laughter had subsided, people asked each other who on earth she was. That was the first that most of them had heard of Margaret Thatcher. As was then a clerk of the House of Commons, and not present at the gathering, I had to take the word of a friend who was present and subsequently be-came an MP. He added: "We'll hear a lot more about her."

The 1959 general election result was one of those surprises that startle the experts. After the tragedy of Suez and Anthony Eden's resignation in January 1957, the Tories seemed doomed. Even in 1959, when they had made a spectacular lan at the height of his powers and political skills, Labour genuinely thought that it would win, and Tories were not as hopeful privately as they claimed in public. Hugh Gaitskell was cer-tainly confident of victory. There was an expectation among observers that the Tories would win, but not by much. In the event they swept home with a majority of a hundred.

They were an eager and en-thusiastic lot, and keen attend-



The new MP for Finchley, with twins Carol and Mark: few guessed Margaret Thatcher would be the star of 1959's intake

ers of the House, in particular packing the government benches to listen to what turned out. sadly, to be Nye Bevan's last speech in the House of Commons, which I had helped to research and write. They came up with high hopes, as we all do, but remarkably few are left in the House, and their numbers now dwindle further with the departures of Margaret Thatcher, Nicholas Ridley, William Clark and John Farr, and a number who immediately preceded or followed them in by-elections: Philip Goodhart (1957), Michael Shaw and Robin Maxwell-Hyslop (1960), Peter Walker and Tony Buck (1961) and Norman Miscampbell (1962). Julian Ridsdale (1954) had preceded me, and David Price (1955) was my exact contemporary. Michael

Foot was in temporary retirement after representing Plymouth, Devonport, for ten years, but was destined to replace Bevan in 1960. Others who first won in 1959, notably Geoffrey Johnson-Smith and Julian Critchley, are carrying on into the next parliament, in both cases having spent time in the political wilderness when thing went nastily wrong in 1964.

Indeed, they went very nastily wrong long before then. Within two years of its 1959 triumph, the Tory government was reel-ing, with Macmillan's alleged unflappability severely in ques-tion after he got rid of seven cabinet ministers and umpteen others in an unforgettable afternoon which prompted Gil-bert Longden's immortal supplementary question: "Can I congratulate the prime minister

for keeping his head while all those around him were losing theirs? This provoked the most prolonged gale of laughter

Commons. Macmillan's touch, once so nice, had deserred him. How the Tories so nearly won the 1964 election under Alec Douglas-Home is one of the great recovery sagas of modern British politics. It was, as Michael Fraser rightly said, "the one that got away". We lost Brighton Kemptown by seven votes, a feat which was explicable only because the sitting MP spent most of the campaign looking for the Loch Ness Monster and

that I have ever heard in the

other extraordinary local factors which put Harold Wilson into 10 Downing Street. I have been suspicious of

his agent succumbed to the

pressures, in addition to various

political scientists ever since. To lose one of the safest seats in the country by seven votes was a pretty formidable achievement; did not prevent the ex-MP being adopted for an even safer

one, to our amazement. It is rather sad to look at the 1959 list. Most of them have left politics, voluntarily or otherwise, and too many of them are dead. Some are eminent members of the Lords, although not very many. Humphry Berkeley, who seemed one of the stars, has left the Conservative party, and others: I am not quite sure which is his present political abode. Chris Chataway decided he had better things to do: Jeremy Thorpe's glittering promise end-ed in much sadness. As I look down the list of those elected or re-elected in 1959, I see so few

beside me on either the govern-

ment or Opposition benches, and am pleased to see the appar-ently immortal Ted Heath, Julian Amery, Tony Benn, and Bernard Braine, compared to whom Merlyn Rees (1964) is a mere stripling.

Despite her dramatic pre-

election intervention, few foresaw that the ultimate star of the 1959 intake was to be Margaret Thatcher. For one thing, the House of Commons then, and especially the Tory party, was a masculine preserve which admitted women with consider-able reluctance. Churchill, who was still very much alert in 1959, always considered that giving women the vote had been a terrible mistake, and although his prejudices on this matter were rather extreme, a woman politician was generally regarded as a contradiction in terms.

ire-eaters like Bessie Braddock and Barbara Castle tended to confirm the prejudice: if there had to be women MPs, it was widely agreed, they should be like the lovely Priscilla Tweedsmuir, who was beautiful, charming and devoid of political ambition. Old-timers thought that Margaret Thatcher was another Nancy Astor, and shud-

dered at the memory. Nothing can demonstrate more graphically how politics has changed, nor how remark-ably an individual can stamp her personality upon an age. Last week I heard Mrs Thatcher hold a large audience spellbound with a quality of oratory and drama which could have made all the difference three years ago. Few discerned that in 1959, but then few appreciated the qualities of a nervous new We should look thoughtfully at the intake of 1992. There could be some surprises, as 1959 dramatically demonstrated.

But, as I remind my Conservative colleagues, never forget 1964. Seven votes could make the difference between victory and defeat. I trust that this time they will be on our side. Though a seven thousand majority is much to be preferred. Sir Robert Rhodes James is the

retiring MP for Cambridge.

...and moreover PHILIP HOWARD

hat's in a name? That which we call a rose, by any other name would smell as sweet. Wrong, Juliet. It really would not smell quite as sweet if it was called turnip or an EC non-edible thorn-bearing vegetable. These judgments about the beauty of names are subjective. At a linguistic conference, a group of professors was debating, late at night in the bar, which was the most beautiful language. The English don batted first, and said it was obviously English, adducing butterfly as a beautiful name for a beautiful creature. The French professor jumped in to point out that papillon was an even more beautiful name. The Italian staked his claim with farfalla, and the prof from blessed Toledo put in mariposa. The professor from Heidelberg inter-rupted, convinced that his claim was unbeatable: "Und vot iss wronk mit Schmetterling?

There is no such nationalistic argument about the beauty of rose as flower and as word. Anybody with any taste knows that yellow roses are the best. and smell the sweetest, and that the queen of the yellows is Mermaid, on a north-facing wall. The image consultants for the Labour party earned their money more than image consultants usually do when they suggested a red rose as the symbol of the new model notreally-very-socialist-so-as-you'dnotice People's Party.

Rose is one of the oldest and most widely-diffused words in the world, probably Mediterra-

nean in origin, but with cog-nates in Persian. Armenian and languages to their east. It is the most popular flower for prov-erbs. usually with reference to its thorns or its last rose of summer melancholy. The com-monplaces that the fairest rose finally withers and that you don't get roses without thorns go back in English proverbs at least to the 15th century. Americans discovered that life is not a bed of roses, that if you sow thorns you don't pick roses, and, almost as soon as they arrived in the New World, that you cannot pluck roses without fear of thorns, nor enjoy a fair wife without danger of horns. Nicolas Chamfort, the witty Jacobin who drowned in his own rose water, asked: "Voulez-vous qu'on vous fasse des revolutions a l'eau rose?", shortly before he

avoid the Terror. Roses are as old and ubiquitous in literature as they are in proverbs. Dawn never rises in Homer without our attention being drawn to her rosy fingers, which could, from the Greek, just as easily be rosy toes. Omar Khayyam asked: "Why dost thou sell the rose for silver? For what more precious than the rose can money buy?" Confucius, he say that the Chinese emperor had six hundred books about roses in 500 BC. In Latin, rose became a term of endearment and a metaphor very early. Pliny listed his 12 favourite roses. Goethe called the rose

nature's supreme creation.

managed to commit suicide, to

wrote in her poem "Sacred Emily" was, "Rose is a rose is a rose, is a rose." And she was referring to Sir Frederick Rose, a British painter whose work she admired. The misquotation suits the universal obsession woman, had no use for nouns in prose: "Things once they are named the name does not go on doing anything to them and so why write in nouns?" This is against the precepts of conventional newspaper style. But in poetry, Stein said: "You love a name and if you love a name then saying that name any number of times only makes you love it more." She did her stuff for the rose.

In artistic symbolism, the rose associated with the Virgin Mary, who is called the rose without thoms. An early legend recorded by Ambrose says that the rose grew without thorns in the Garden of Eden, before the fall of man. Roses have been cultivated for so long that they outshine the English unofficial rose. In Much Ado, John the Bastard says of his brother, the prince: "I had rather be a canker dog rose] in a hedge than a rose in his grace."

"Roses and raptures" (Swin-burne) was the original name for what we now call coffee-table books. And according to coarse Australians, John Major could fall in a cesspit and come out smelling of roses. Look out for lots of roses in the next three weeks. They are the oldest symbol in the world, able to make What Gertrude Stein really even politicians smell sweet.

Sweet

SOFFOW

POLITICAL hatchets were buried this week when sixty of the eighty or so retiring MPs assembled at the Commons for a farewell party.
At an emotional gathering, lubricated with champagne, MPs forgave even the bitterest old feuds almost invariably conducted with their own colleagues rather than political opponents.

The longest-serving of them, Sir Bernard Braine, the father of the house, has been in the Commons for more than 40 years. Predictably, however, it was Mrs Thatcher who stole the show. After arriving last, she waved her hand and imperiously instructed fellow MPs to "follow me". Labour and Tory alike dutifully obeyed and trooped out onto the Commons terrace for a farewell photograph.

It was a time to kiss and makeup. Mrs Thatcher chatted_in friendly fashion to Sir Geoffrey Howe for the first time since his dramatic resignation speech which triggered her downfall. When they lined up for the photo-graph, she insisted on having Howe close by her side. George Younger, the former defence secretary who organised her leadership campaign against Michael Heseltine, was also nearby. "But I doubt if you will see me in the photograph," he says. "I am be-hind Mrs Thatcher's hairdo. We all did as we were told. She always

was a good organiser." Nigel Lawson, Norman Tebbit. Cecil Parkinson. Merlyn Rees, David Owen and Denis Howell happily rubbed shoulders. Of the better-known faces, only Peter Walker, Michael Foot, Nicholas Ridley and Denis Healey were absent, the latter holding his own party in Leeds with former German chancellor Helmut Schmidt.



Yet aithough Mrs Thatcher was surrounded by many former col-leagues, she chose a Labour MP to stand next to her in the picture. As the MPs trooped onto the terrace, Frank Haynes, the gruff Labour MP for Ashfield reputed to have the loudest voice in the House, was asked by the former prime minister to stand at her elbow in the certage of the frank row. "I have the centre of the front row. "I have never been able to say no to a lady.

especially that one," he says.
Only one retiring member seemed not to be included in the bonhomie. Sir Anthony Meyer, the original stalking horse, was brusquely ordered to take his place in the back row. "I was hardly surprised when I realised who was organising us," he says.

Jenny Greene, the editor of Country Life, who is to abandon the English countryside for the vineyards of France, could hardly have chosen a more different career. "I want a complete change of life and am going to set up a luncheon club in Burgundy for French businessmen to learn English over gourmet lunches." She swears she never wants to edit again, but is to undertake one last journalistic task: overseeing Country Life's centenary book in 1997. She will be succeeded by Clive Aslet. her deputy, at the end of the year.

Glamour and equality BY APRIL 9, the Hampstead and

Highgate constituency will be in danger of containing almost as many journalists, photographers and television crews from around the world as it has electors. While most candidates jump at

every chance of media exposure, Glenda Jackson's office is turning down requests for interviews from as far away as Japan, Australia and Canada. They are currently arriving at the rate of 20 a day, and nearly 150 requests have been received in the past fortnight. Most have been rejected, says Sally Dobson, the actress's deputy elec-tion agent. "Those who come any-way will have only limited access to

"I want to be alone"



Glenda. It's the electors who need the opportunity to talk to her. That going to be impossible if she is surrounded by journalists all the

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Oliver Letwin, her Tory oppo-nent, claims to be unworried by the media interest in his rival. They are very sophisticated voters here and they will not be sidetracked by glamour - either Glen-

 The election campaign has claimed its first casualty. Colin Moynihan's new wife, Gaynor Louise — the pair married only last Saturday — will spend the election hobbling around her hus-band's marginal Lewisham constituency on crutches. The new Mrs Moynihan, a first-time skier who was being taught by her new husband, broke her leg on the ski slopes on the first day of their honeymoon. It meant - conveniently for her husband in the circumstances — that their holl-day in Villars, Switzerland, had to be cut short. Moynihan, a former minister for sport, says: "Gavnor learnt to ski amazingly quickly. The problem was she never got round to learning how to stop."

One liner

IN ONE of the most unlikely collaborations since Neil Kinnock and Tracey Ullman made that awful video. George Bush has pro-vided a few lines for Arthur Miller.

Bush's words appear in a new American production of Miller's version of Henrik Ibsen's An Enemy of the People. Miller's version has a mayor attempting to rouse the electorate against a crusading liberal opponent and declaring: "I believe there is a line that must be drawn, and if a man decides to cross that line, we the people must finally take him by the collar and declare, 'You cannot say that.'"

An actor appearing in the play amused his colleagues in dress rehearsal by adapting the speech to echo George Bush during the Gulf war: "I believe there is a line that must be drawn in the sand, and if a man decides to cross that line, we the people must finally take him by the collar and declare, This will not stand." The director. John Tillinger, so enjoyed the joke that he consulted Miller who readily agreed to the revision.

Music for all

From Sir Thomas Armstrong

of many youth orchestras.

Sir, Discussions about music in

schools seem to concentrate exclu-

sively upon instrumental music and

upon teaching children to play; and

public attention is focused on this aspect of the subject by achievements

But in a school of 1,000 pupils.

under a music director who is keen

on conducting, less than 100 pupils may be influenced by the activity of

the orchestra, and those who are

chosen to play in it may be regarded

by others, as Professor Alexander Goehr suggests ("Music teaching out of time", Life & Times, March 4), as

"a select and effete minority".

What about the 900? They also

have ears, a voice, memories, and

perhaps a mute, unawakened

They are the ones we need to worry

about, and those in the many schools, especially some primary schools, where there is no music at

all. It is there, in the earlier years,

and in the home, where the founda-

tions of musicianship are laid. They

As the name Zoltan Kodaly is often

mentioned in these debates, it may

be well to remember that Kodály.

when he set about reorganising or

creating music education in Hun-

gary, began with village schools in which there was often no musical

instrument at all, except perhaps a

violin. He relied on the human voice

and the national heritage of folk-

Others, in other countries, have

worked on similar lines. Kodály-himself told me on more than one

occasion that he had been greatly

influenced in his work by what he learnt at the Leith Hill festival from

Vaughan Williams.

of Music, 1955-68).

I East Street.

Yours sincerely.
THOMAS ARMSTRONG

(Principal, Royal Academy

Olney, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr S. D. W. Sherratt

Sir, Last summer, Derbyshire LEA's

music service was axed as part of the

need to avoid charge-capping.

County councillors blamed the gov-

ernment, who in turn blamed the

county counciliors; as usual the

children and parents were caught up

in the middle with no support from

either elected group. Five like-minded parents decided

that urgent action was needed if our children were to continue receiving

instrumental tuition. We set up the

independent Derbyshire Music Ser-

vice - and now employ 62 full-time

and part-time instrumental teachers

completely outside LEA control. An

administrative officer is employed

for a few hours each week, but much

of the service is run on a voluntary

basis by parents. The total cost of

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and orchestras is paid by individual,

Alas, all this is only happening in

areas where parents can afford to pay. What price equal opportunities for children who wish to play or learn

16 Lodge Close, Etwall, Derbyshire.

Yours faithfully, STEVE SHERRATT,

Election fever

From Mr Colin Luke

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THETTIMES

MAJOR v. KINNOCK

Modern elections are about prosperity. Perhaps the civilised mind should be on higher things. But if there must be government in an otherwise secure society, it is likely to be about redistributing money. Envy, said Bertrand Russell, lies at the root of democracy. Every political pundit now accepts that economic prosperity is the needle quivering most accurately in the electoral compass.

Hence the predicament in which John Major finds himself as he enters his first election campaign as prime minister while behind in the opinion polls. His option on a 1990 election was discarded on an assurance from the Treasury that the economy would be recovering by 1991. It has not done so. The Treasury was wrong and Mr Major was inveigled into a mistake. The mistake was of dreadful simplicity. By allowing themselves to be bounced into the European exchangerate mechanism in October 1990 and then living in holy terror of the Bank of England ministers willed on themselves a reckless optimism. Recession did not end, it deepened.

A Downing Street team whose experience was largely at the Treasury duly fell victim to that department's peculiarly detached cast of mind. Here was a classic instance of Gibbon's praetorian guard in the ascendancy, "formidable servants, always necessary but often fatal to the throne." Gone was all talk of a soft landing for the economy. Gone was early recovery. The nation now gazes in dismay at monthly statistics, scarce able to believe its eyes. Surely economics was to be the philosophy of our age? Is it not now the most deceitful of arts, the most implausible of sciences?

Yet for all this, elections are not about punishment, whether retributive or deterrent. They are about the selection of leaders. for the immediate future, on a calm assessment of merit. Besides, if the past is to be an issue, Oppositions must be asked in what different way would they have reacted to events. Labour's John Smith showed no sign of deploring the credit expansion of 1987-8. Neil Kinnock and Paddy Ashdown were fervent for ERM membership and for signing on to all cost-inflating EC initiatives. While Labour might have taken steps to relieve the recession, its particular policies would have led in turn to even higher public borrowing than the government's, to higher interest rates and to higher inflation. The Tories may have exacerbated the impact of the present recession; Labour's instinct for protectionism would have exacerbated the next.

The central achievement of Tory "prosperity policy" has been to make British industry and commerce more competitive, to drive down unit costs, chiefly in the private sector but through privatisation and tendering in the public sector as well. Labour opposed this progress step by step, by resisting trade union reform, by defending public-sector featherbedding, by fighting privatisation, and latterly by advocating a minimum wage. costs but because it is still too beholden to the unions. It is also inviting externally imposed cost inflation through the European Social Charter. How Labour could have squared its micro-economic policies with acceptance of the stern discipline of German central

banking is a mystery.

Even this early in the campaign, The Times would be dissembling to its readers if it did not admit a predisposition towards a new Conservative mandate. (The predisposition will be confined to this editorial column: the news pages will of course remain strictly impartial.) An election is not essentially about campaign performance, as if it were some audition for unknowns in a jaded chorus line. The glare of the hustings may expose faulty personalities to scrutiny, even reveal some faulty policies. The ability to carry conviction on the stump should not be underrated in a democracy. But the true qualification for political power lies not in promises or pretty faces but in the motivation and competence of those seeking it. Politics is

a dull business and is best treated as such.

The next month will see a dozen issues

aired. On many, including local government and devolution. The Times will find itself more in sympathy with opposition parties. But on the one central responsibility of govemment, competence in the handling of Britain's future prosperity, the public is right to remain deeply sceptical of Labour. This scepticism survives even the government's errors of the past year. True, Mr Kinnock has reformed his party. He has asserted the supremacy of his leadership against the far left and of the shadow cabinet against the national executive. He has discovered some virtue in market economics, collective security, devolution, and consumers as against producers. He also offers a change after 13 years. Certainly a healthy democracy should be ready periodically to bundle its officeholders out onto the street, throw open the attic windows and stuice the conduits of

But in doing so a democracy must know what it is about. The change of air which the nation apparently sought towards the end of Margaret Thatcher's term came with Mr Major in November 1990. When he took office there was a concern at his ability to withstand the strain, especially in foreign affairs. He has laid those doubts to rest. Over the past year, he has emerged from a nervous collective of European leaders as one of the most clear-sighted and honest, showing determination in the Gulf, initiative in Russia, good sense in Yugoslavia and relentless

realism towards the European Community. This last is crucial. The terms on which Britain experiences the next upturn in the economic cycle will be determined in large measure by the post-Maastricht negotiations with other members of the EC. This is not just a diplomatic nicety. Britain's ability to control fiscal policy, to order its public finances, to fight for free trade, to exert some monetary discretion even within the ERM, will turn on how tough its government is as an agent of British interests. Maastricht

showed how suited Mr Major is to this task. Mr Kinnock's honesty and courage are not in doubt, but clear-sightedness is not his most prominent characteristic. It remains hard to envisage him and his foreign affairs spokesman, Gerald Kaufman, fighting the war for sanity in Brussels with anything like the grit and intellectual rigour of Mr Major and Douglas Hurd. Indeed, they have opposed each and every attempt by British negotiators to hold out against the European corporatist steamroller. Mr Kinnock's pledge to sign the Social Charter and impose a minimum wage would do serious and lasting damage to Britain.

Labour may seem better equipped for goverriment than it has been for a decade. But modern socialism has yet to find coherence or authenticity. (It cannot even produce a convincing book.) For all his backsliding, Mr Major retains in his knapsack the iron rations of his Tory radicalism: free trade, on, personal choice Foremost of these is his commitment to protecting British interests amid the storms of the international economy.

It is difficult to say which innovations of the past decade Mr Kinnock secretly accepts. His tergiversations in the past five years have been as confusing for his followers as for his opponents. But his instincts appear to remain as they always were: those of a democratic socialist committed to wealth redistribution, collectivism and a centralist European superstate. Nothing could be more untrue of this election than to say that it does not offer electors a choice.

The campaign may yet surprise the nation. Mr Kinnock and his shadow Chancellor have yet to set out their stall in full. While most policies of all parties are known, a few remain for examination. And Mr Major, a prime minister as yet untested in the heat of battle, may come a cropper and force a. reassessment of all these judgments. But he begins the campaign with the benefit of the doubt. He clearly has an uphill battle to win the election. Mr Kinnock has an even more uphill battle to win the argument.

SUMMIT OF EXCESS

Could anything be more fatal to a conference than advance billing as "the most important meeting in the history of humanity?? But that is the claim already being made for the "earth summit" in Rio de Janeiro this June, expected to attract 40,000 politicians, experts and journalists, including the most impressive attendance of heads of government of any conference ever. This extravagance may explain why its organiser, Maurice Strong, and his team are seeking commitments far ahead of what most governments are prepared to accept.

Mr Strong is proposing an astronomical subvention of \$125 billion a year from Western taxpayers to help the Third World reach various environmental targets. He has thus set the stage for a North/South slanging match in the worst traditions of United Nations confrontational rhetoric. Unless sights are lowered Rio could set back the difficult business of green diplomacy by years. This conference must not itself become an environmental hazard.

If such a mammoth setpiece of global diplomacy has any virtue it is that the preparations concentrate every government's mind. Each has to think through its policies and consider what it can offer to winment with its peers. The imminence of Rio, for example, has both lent urgency to the European Community's consideration of a carbon tax, and also convinced even its most enthusiastic proponents that such a move can only be made in conjunction with its main industralised competitors.

The characteristic vice of these assemblies is to compensate for the absence of any genuine meeting of minds by announcing grandiose goals in the vaguest terms, masking the absence of achievable commitments in an aura of virtue. Down this unproductive path, Rio is already headed. Government leaders are to be asked to sign an "earth charter" committing them to restore and protect the environment. Mr Strong, in addition, wants them to sign up to "Agenda-21" and its 800 pages of tasks extending well into the next century. To almost every item on this agenda is attached a demand for huge transfers of money and technology from rich to poor.

As Michael Heseltine acknowledged in The Times earlier this week, poor countries will need extra targeted help to reconcile economic growth with sound environmental management. Developing economies will only accept targets for limiting emissions of 'greenhouse gases" if the West, which produces the overwhelming balk of them today, sets exemplary standards for itself. But however true it may be that poverty exacerbates the world's most pressing environmental problems, nothing will come of convening the environment into a catch-all cover for blanket demands for more development aid. This is what is now happening.

The negotiators in New York have only a few more weeks in which to jettison Mr Strong's all-embracing agenda and his fantasy costings. They have damaged Rio's prospects, not least by discouraging President Bush from attending it. They should aim instead for one or two specific agreements, beginning with international targets on carbon dioxide emissions and measures to protect the earth's biological diversity. Progress on both fronts would be more than enough to convert Rio into a success. It may be too late to bring the Rio conference down from the skies but unless that happens it will bring no benefits to earth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Budget reaction from the Bar, Japan and Greenpeace . . . Mr Heschine's promise that Britain will "look again" at From the Chairman of the Bar and investment as any of the tax in-

the President of the Law Society Sir. On March 6 the Lord Chancellor wrote to us about payments in civil legal aid work. Solicitors can now be paid 12 months after the issue of a legal aid certificate, but only 54 per cent of what is owing. Barristers can be paid 18 months after issue, at 62 per cent. In criminal cases delays run to many

months On March 10 the Chancellor of the Exchequer said: "I want to see the government's good record on the payment of its bills extended to firms who win government contracts." He also said: "I have every sympathy for small companies who find that their larger debtors are deliberately delay-

ing payment . . . such practices are wholly deplorable." We agree; and wonder which Chancellor, if either, is in charge. Yours faithfully

Chairman of the Bar, PHILIPELY (President of the Law Society). The General Council of the Bar, 3 Bedford Row, WC1. March II.

GARETH WILLIAMS.

From Professor J. W. M. Chapman Sir, Assuming that your par-liamentary staff (report, March 12) have quoted him correctly, David Mellor's "deficit" of £10 million of Japanese investments in the UK in 1978 provides yet another example of the distorted statistical reckoning we have come to expect from electioneering interpreters for some time past. Cumulative Japanese direct investment in the UK up to the end of the 1970s was close to \$2 billion (4 per cent of the total), compared to \$22.6 billion at the end of 1990 (7

ner cent). The bulk of Japanese investment has been in areas of Britain, such as the North-East, Wales and Scouland. dominated by Labour local authorities, which have played at least as significant a role in attracting that

Travelling incognito

Sir, I have recently returned from

holiday on a remote island in the

Indian Ocean. On registering at the

solitary hotel I was required to complete the customary form for

overseas visitors which, among other

questions, asked for my occupation. I

registered as a merchant banker,

In my travels around the world I

have checked in at the Dolder Grand

Hotel, Zurich, as a dustman, at Half

Moon Bay, Antigua, as a poet and at

many an auberge as a foreign agent.

any interest to a hotelier or the local

authorities? What becomes of the erroneous information that I have

penned on so many forms? Is it all filed, and is someone, somewhere,

intrigued by my apparently diverse career? Just what purpose do these

Why should my occupation be of

though I am by trade a printer.

From Mr John Gorman

Safeguarding pensions

social security select committee in its any recommendation on the fundamental reason why the benefits of trust law have been perverted by the

sion trustees and a pension solicitor, both quoted in the report, highlight the problem. The former trustee's point is that the employer (i.e., וצמת שונו ממג שונו מנ at will. The pension solicitor's point was that the employer has power to alter the trust documents. These two points show that employers in prac-

tiresome forms serve? JOHN GORMAN, Galley Wood House, Waltham Abbey, Essex.

Salt in the wound

From Mr George Ingr

Yours sincerely,

Aimes Green.

March 9.

Sir, Large, yellow, plastic grit/salt bins have recently been placed at unimportant country-lane junctions hereabouts. Within less than a mile there are three, on what must be some of the least used roads in Britain, traversing one of its flamest parts.

It seems extraordinary that these expensive objects should have appeared after three of the warmest winters in recent times, as well as in the midst of one of the worst economic recessions this century.

If they are essential could they not at least be black to make them less conspicuous?

Yours faithfully. GEORGE INGR. Algar House, Fersfield, Norfolk. March 9.

Mediterranean diet From the Director of the World

Cancer Research Fund

Sir, James Le Fanu ("Deceived by dubious diets", March 4) implies that the World Health Organisation is trying to force the so-called "Mediterranean diet" upon every-one, and is advocating that we all est just one simplistic diet.

While the "Mediterranean diet" is often cited as an example of a diet lower in fat and higher in fibre. reputable dietitians, scientists and health organisations do not portray it, or any single diet, as an answer to all our health ills.

Nor does choosing the right foods mean one need not fear cancer or heart disease, or that one can expect to live for ever. But if choosing a diet lower in fat and higher in fibre can reduce the risk of serious illness, it is a choice we should consider.

Dr Le Fanu suggests that today's concern for healthier eating stems from some sort of conspiracy among food writers. Numerous research studies have shown the food and discase link is substantial and significant.

A healthy diet includes a balance of many foods in order to provide a

centives cited by Mr Lamont in his Budget speech. Comparatively little has come to Conservative-controlled areas in the South, where Japanbashing is still very prevalent.

The abandonment of the skilled work-force in Labour areas, many of which made significant efforts to help pull Mrs Thatcher's chestnuts out of the fire in 1982, provided concerturaties for Japanese and European industrial firms that are much less motivated by the cut-andrun tactics of Anglo-American stock companies. The result is that voters in these areas are in a much stronger position to thumb their noses at dire predictions issued by alarmist min-

Not only that, Mr Lamont has the temerity to demand the sympathy of the electorate for the failure of the massive outflow of UK investment to North America during the 1980s to produce the level of profits that might have belped avoid a deep-

ening slump in the UK economy. In Japan, the response to market slumps is a sharp reduction in bonuses and dividends for managers as well as employees rather than to make valuable capital walk the plank. If British managers and political leaders had adopted pain-sharing in the current slump, the electorate might have had some respect and loyalty. They must expect no quarter on April 9.

Yours sincerely, JOHN W. M. CHAPMAN, Ritsumeikan University, Faculty of International Relations, 56-1 Kitamachi, Toji-in, Kita ku, Kyoto 603, Japan.

From the Executive Director of Greenpeace UK

Sir, The timing of Michael Hesel-tine's statement of commitment to tackling the world's environmental problems at the Earth Summit in June ("A global peril we dare not ignore", March II) could not have been more ironic.

From MrR. W. Ramage

report on pensions law (details and leading article, March 10) makes many helpful and sensible suggestions. What a pity that it fails to make

tice can hijack pension schemes by incorporating a balance of power

Mahogany 'ban' From Mr Andrew Hill

Sir. The letter from Mr Read and Dr Lyster in Kyoto (March 12) does not address the central problem, very properly raised in your columns by the Art Trade Liaison Committee (March 7), of a possible CITES ban

on mahogany.

Similar legislation on ivory, whilst laudable, has been adopted without consideration of the thousands, if not millions, of ivory artefacts made over preceding centuries. The presence of a tiny ivory escutcheon on a large piece of early 17th-century English furniture has resulted in the whole

Harry Morant

From Dr Charles Goodson-Wickes, MP for Wimbledon (Conservative)

Sir. Not all Australian commentators share their current prime minister's somewhat jaundiced view of history. Now Martin Ivens ("History lesson for Mr Keating", February 28) cites the film Breaker Morant as evidence of that country's "self-pitying cultural streak".

The source of that film was Bushman and Buccaneer, a book published by my Australian-born grear-grandfather, Sir Frank Fox, in

Sincerely MARILYN GENTRY, Director. World Cancer Research Fund.

From the Chairman of the National

Sir, "A few people have been particularly vocal on food issues in recent years, says James Le Fanu. "They set up a broad front organisation, the

National Food Alliance, co-opting respectable organisations such as the Women's Farmers (sic) Union". He also suggests that we are in favour of a "joint ministry of food and health". Neither is true.

of government measures which could lead to a considerable increase in UK emissions from transport. The announcement of £760 million worth of new road schemes was followed by a Budget maintaining a £2.5 billion tax subsidy for company cars and a reduction in the special

stabilising levels of carbon dioxide -

the single largest contributor to global warming — followed two days

The resulting increase in traffic. and pollution, and the cushioning from the real costs of motoring. clearly demonstrate the govern-ment's preference for the "great car economy" over protecting the envir-

If the British government is indeed to demonstrate its "responsible"

attitude to the environment, it should recognise that much of the current irresponsibility lies within its own policies. Whilst the road to Rio may ndeed, in the words of Mr Heseltine, be a "long and unpredictable journey", it seems clear that the government is determined to travel it by car. Yours sincerely,

PETER MELCHETT. Executive Director, Greenpeace UK, Canonbury Villas, N1. March 12.

... and from an ex-FST From MrJ. Enoch Powell

Sir, If you will be so good as to consult Lloyds Bank Review for April 1959, you will find an ex-Financial Secretary to the Treasury, under the title "The British Budgetary System", advocating combination of the Budget with the announcement of the following year's proposed public expenditure.

l am, Sir, that ex-FST, J. ENOCH POWELL, 33 South Eaton Place, SW1. March II.

wholly in their favour. Many of the problems suffered by pension schemes can be suributed to the lack

Sir, Amid scathing criticism the of independence of trustees. bath water out with the fraudulent baby, their independence can be established by a requirement that at least one trustee is incapable of being removed by the employer (similar to the "pensioner trustee" in small self-

way it is applied.
One of the former Maxwell pen-

Weekend Money letters, page 26

States and other countries do not wish to leave to chance the very real possibility of effectively creating a ban on mahogany which would include, either by accident or design, amiques and other works of art. Yours faithfully,

ANDREW HILL (President, Confédération Internationale des Négociants en Ocuvres d'Art). PO Box 4, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP17 9UB.

1902, the year of Morant's execution. The foreword spoke of "the

chequered career and most unhappy death of Harry Morant".

Boer War incident deter him and

thousands of his fellow-countrymen

from coming to Europe to fight in

the first world war. Mr Keating

should perhaps be proud of the military tradition carried forward to

the subsequent war against Ger-

Yours faithfully. CHARLES GOODSON-WICKES,

democratic procedures. Its member-

ship is open to professional, health.

consumer and other national organ-

isations concerned with food and

agriculture policy. Our 36 members

include the National Farmers'

Union as well as the Women's Farm-

ing Union, the Coronary Prevention

Group, the National Federation of

Women's Institutes and Christian

In its green paper, The Health of the Nation, this well-advised govern-

ment favours a national move to

what approaches a Mediterranean-

style diet, rich in vegetables, fruit and all sons of bread and cereal products,

fish and some fresh meat, unsatu-

rated fats used for cooking, and low

in saturated fats and sugars. Such

food is delicious and wonderfully

It is also now proving to be good

business, for manufacturers, retail-

ers and caterers. The Mediterranean

diet is one healthy, wealthy and wise

option for anybody who chooses to

cat well and live well; it is rightly

celebrated by the Channel 4-Food

GEOFFREY CANNON, Chairman,

varied, as well as healthy.

File television series.

National Food Alliance

102 Gloucester Place, W1.

Yours etc.

many and Japan.

House of Commons.

Clearly Fox himself did not let that

wide range of nutrients. The healthiest diet will contain less fat and more fibre than the typical British diet of today, but it can still include old favourite foods, though perhaps in moderation.

11-12 Buckingham Gate, SW1.

Food Alliance

In fact, the National Food Alliance was established by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations (in 1985) and is subject to the usual

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administered pension schemes) and that no alteration to the trust documents can be made without the unanimous consent of all trustees. Yours faithfully.

Instead of throwing the trust law

R. W. RAMAGE (Partner), Kent Jones and Done (solicitors) Churchill House, 47 Regent Road Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire.

March 11.

object being impounded by the Danish customs authorities.

My colleagues from the European Community, Switzerland, the United

Sir, On the night of April 9, I hope to be watching on TV what promises to be one of the closest races for some time. May I plead through your columns to the broadcasters not to spoil our enjoyment of the night by telling us all, by means of an exit poll, the result within seconds of the off.

in the days before the exit poll became so accurate, much of the pleasure of the night derived from the sight of our political servants not knowing whether or not they were in government. In anxiety they were often candid. Once they have a shrewd idea of the result, the mask comes back up again and those magic moments are no more. Yours faithfully,

COLIN LUKÉ 18 Regent's Park Road, NW1. March 12

From Mr Ian Davie

Sir, Your excellent leader (March 10) on the drawbacks of proportional representation omits mention of one particular disadvantage to which Karl Popper has drawn attention namely, that it makes getting rid of a government far more difficult. At a time when we are intent upon electing a government, we should perhaps be giving some thought to the question of how best to remove it. Yours faithfully.

IAN DAVIE, Alba, Acklam, Malton, North Yorkshire.

From Mr M. G. de St V. Atkins

Sir, An election campaign that falls entirely within Lent will provide with its ceaseless chatter and trifling speculation a wholesome penance from which not even the most obdurate heathen will be able to escape.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant. M. G. de St V. ATKINS, Cross House, Whittington, Via Carnforth, Lancashire March II.

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COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 13: The Queen visited Milton Keynes today, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Buckinghamshire (Commander the Hon John Fremande), and the Chairman of Buckinghamshire County Couneil (Mrs Alec Miscampbe

Her Majesty attended a Service of Dedication in the City Church of Christ the Cornerstone, and was received by the Mayor of Milton Keynes (Councillor William Harnett).

The Queen visited the Centre for Integrated Living in the Guildhall and unveiled a commemorative stone.

Her Majesty subsequently visited Milton Keynes Development Corporation and was received by the Chairman (the Lord Chilver), and honoured the Chairman and Members of the Board with her

The Queen visited Milton Keynes Magistrates' Courts and was received by the Chairman of the Magistrates' Courts Com-mittee (Mr Richard Cooper). Her Majesty toured the Courts and unveiled a commemorative

plaque. The Queen visited Milton Keynes Polytechnic and was recerved by the Director of Leicester Polytechnic (Mr Kenneth

After a tour of the Computing Laboratory, the Architecture Studio, and the Library, Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative

The Lady Farnham, Mr Robin Janvrin and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF, were in

The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group. this afternoon opened the Tweedvale Mills East, Walkerburn, Tweeddale, His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Tweeddale (Lieutenant Colo-nel Aidan Sprot of Haystoun). Later The Prince Edward visited Galashiels and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Roxburgh, Ettrick and Lauderdale (The Duke of Bucdeuch and Queensberry, KT) and joined a gathering of businessmen at the offices of

Scottish Borders Enterprise, Galashiels before launching two Mobile Learning Resource His Royal Highness then joined Award leaders from Voluntary Youth Organisations, Commuparticipants at the Tweedbank Rowling Centre, Galashiels.
Lieutenant Colonel Sean

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Sir Kenneth Alexander. lormer vice-chancellor, Surling University, 70; Miss Pam Ayres, poet, 45; Mr Michael Caine, actor, 59; Mr Jasper Carrott, comedian, 47; Professor Sir Colin Pollery, professor of medicine Dollery, professor of medicine, 61: Mr Alan Ellion, chief con-stable. Cumbria, 50: John Elma, company director, 68; Mr R.E. Eurich, painter, 89; Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Graham. 55; the Earl of Halifax. 48; the Hon Alan Hare, former chairman, The Financial Times, 73; Sir Richard Hayward, former chairman, Supplementary Benefits Commission, 82: Sir Philip Holland, former MP, 75; Mr Tom Iremonger, former MP, 76; Lord Keyes, 73: Mr Gavin Laird, trades unionist, 59; Air Chief Manhal Sir Denstel Leve 1

Marshal Sir Douglas Lowe, 70. Mr John McCallum, actor, 74: Lord Marsh. 64; Sir Eric Norris, diplomat. 74; Mr Bill Owen, actor. 77; Sir Richard Parsons, diplomat. 64; Dame Betty Paterson, former chairman, North Wen Thames Regional Health Authority, 76: Miss Tessa Sanderson, athlete and broad-caster, 36: Mr W.M. Süllery, headmaster. Belfast Royal Academy, 51; Mr A.D. Smith, president, Magdalen College, Oxford, 54: Miss Rita Tushingham, actress, 50: Mr John Wain, author.

TOMORROW: Mr Alexander Bernstein, chairman, Granada Group, 56; Miss Isobel Bu-chanan, soprano, 38; Mr P.J. Butler, senior partner, KPMG Peat Marwick, 63; Sir Jack Callard, former chairman, British Home Stores, 79: Lord Constantine of Stanmore, 82; Mr John Duttine, actor, 44; the Right John Duttine, actor, 44; the Right Rev John Gibbs, former Bishop of Coventry, 75; Professor John Gillingham, neurologist, 76; Earl Haig, 74; Mr Nicholas Hinton, director-general, Save the Child-ren Fund, 50, Sir Leonard Knowles, former Chief Justice of The Bahamas, 76; Tohn Lacy, General Director of Party Campaignine, Conser-

of Party Campaigning, Conservative Central Office, 64; Mr R.D. Lane, headmaster, Mon-mouth School, 48; Mr Mike Love, singer, 48; Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, 68: Professor Joan Mitch-ell, economist, 72; Mr Michael Moore, chairman, NSPCC, 56; Mr Robert Nye, novelist and poet. 53; Mr Ben Okri, author, 33; Sir Philip Powell, CH, architect, 71; Lord Rendlesham, 77; Sir Roger Tomkys, diplomat, 55; Mr David Wall, a former director, Royal Academy of Dancing, 46.

Anniversaries

Today BIRTHS: Johann Strauss (the Eider), Vienna, 1804; Isabella Beeton, author of The Book of Household Management, London, 1836; Sir Lauder Brunton, Bt. physician, Roxburgh, 1844; Paul Ehrlich, biochemist, Strohlen, Stiesla chemist, Strohlen, Silesla (Strezelin, Poland), 1854; Albert Einstein, physicist, Nobel laureate 1921, Ulm, Germany, 1879. DEATHS: John Byng, admiral, executed for failing to relieve Minorea, Portsmouth, 1757; Friedrich Klopstock, poet, Hamburg, 1803; John Jervis, Earl of St Vincent, admiral of the fleet, 1823. Karl Maru, philosopher and economist London, 1883: George Eastman, pioneer of photography, Rochester, New York, 1932; Nikolai Bukharin, journalist and politician, executed. Moscow, 1938; Susan Hayward, film actress, Beverly Hills, California, 1975; Busby Berkeley, choreographer, California, 1976: Sir Huw Wheldon, bruadcaster, 1986: Zita, former empress of Austria, 1989. The New English Bible (New

Appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Mark Hedley to be a Circuit Judge, assigned to the Northern

Professor Douglas Donn and

Old Testament on the 16th. 1961. **Eomorrow**

BIRTHS: Andrew Jackson, general, 7th president of the USA 1829-37. Waxhaw, Carolina, 1767; William Lamb, 2nd Vis-count Melbourne, prime minister 1834, 1835-41. London, 1779; Dame Mad Cleethorpes, 1849; Lady Augusta Gregory, dramatist, poet and director of the Abbey Theatre, Dublin, Roxborough, co Galway, 1852; Sir Samuel Brown, en-gineer, London, 1852; Emil von Behring, bacteriologist, Nobel laureate 1901, Hansdorf, Germany, 1854.

DEATHS: Julius Caesor, asses sinated, Rome, 44BC; Ono you Market, Rome, 44 BC; Orio von Kotzebue, navigator, Reval, Rus-sla, 1846; Luigi Cherubini, com-poser, Paris, 1852; Sir Henry Bessemer, engineer, inventor, steel manufacturer, London, 1898; Walter Crane, Illustrator, Horshear, 1916, Need Citylinia. Horsham, 1915; Nevil Sidgwick, chemist, Oxford, 1952; Dame Rebecca West, writer, 1983. Nicholas II, the last Russian emperor abdicated, 1917.

Lesky Thomson to be members of the Scottish Arts Council.

Lord Sivnn of

Hadley The Queen has appointed Sir Gordon Slynn to be a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary and to create him a life baron by the name, style and title of Baron Siyns of Hadley, of Eggington in the County of Bedfordshire.



Church services tomorrow

Second Sunday in Lent

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J.15 E. Gray in F minor. Cist me met away from thy presence (Wesley). The Dean.

WESTMINSTEE ALLEST & HC 10 M.

RESPONSES (Leighton). Senedicite (Sumston in 8 dan, Turn thy face from my sins (Athwood, Canon C Semper, 11.15 Abbey Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Vigoria), Salvanor mundi (Tallis), The Dean; 3 E. Calchestee Service (Walton), The Lord is my shepherd (Berheley). Debble Ingrans: 5-4 Organ Berkin) 5-50 E. For 4 Luli. Household (Berheley). Debble Ingrans: 5-4 Organ Berkin) 6-30 E. For 4 Luli. Household (Berheley). Debble Ingrans: 5-4 Organ Berkin) 6-30 E. For 4 Luli. Household (Berheley). Debble Ingrans: 5-4 Organ E White; 3 E. Action in G. O Lord. Jook down from heaven (Burnshill). Rev N. Wurt.

7, 4, 9, 12, 5-30 A 7; 10-30 Sh. Mass for free voices (Berneley), he inspects to M. P. 2-30 Organ Berkin; 3-30 Soleran V & B. Magnificer primi tool (Capono, O Lard in the years (Gabono, E. S. M. Salvano, S. Callidren') Service, 6 Luli: 11-30 HbM. Mass (Plainsong), Sich Cervas (Palestrian), F. M. Jones S Stations of the Cross.

CEULE ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM. MASS MY: 0-30 Orthe Liburgy.

BUTSHAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM. Mass MY: 9-30 M; 10-30 Orthe Liburgy.

BUTSHAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM. Mass MY: 10-30 Orthe Liburgy.

and CHAPEL BOYAL, St. James's Paince 8.30 HC. 11.15 MP. O praise God in Ris Hollness (Walks), Canon A Gendinalus. Palace S.JO MC. 11.15 MP. O praise God in Ris Holines (Whise), Carson A Gienelinaling.

ROYAL MOSPITAL Chebses, SW3: 11 M. Hear my prayer (Parreil). Requiem arternam (Howells), Allegro risolato (Viernel, The Chaptain.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF TWS SAVOY.

WC2: 11 S Euch. Short Service (Byrd), Asienna Curtsti Munera (Palestrina), The Chaptain.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SEIO: 11 S Euch. O Saviour of the world (Gose), A Lienny (Wallors), The Chaptain.

GUARDS CRAPEL. Wellingson Barracks, SW1: 11 M. O Saviour of the world (Palestrinal, Benedicite & Gloria, Judge ris. O God (Mendelsmoth), The Chaptain: 12 HC traid:

Linicoly T Enw Chaptel (11 10 He A Serrous), Senedicite, Jubilate, Dear Lord and Pather of manifold (Parry), Rev 3 Mortey.

Sermon, Scheckie, Jubilate, Dear Lors and Patter of mankind (Party). New 1 Morkey.

Tower Of Lordood, EC: 11 M & Sermon, Responses (Byrd. Grant, O Helvestly Patter (Reardons, 1 & Decam, Benedicins) First Short Service, Blessed City, Respectly Salern (Balessew), Cannon J G M W Murphy.

TEARPLE CHIRCH, Fleet Street. EC: 8.30 HC. 11 IS MP. Responses (Reading), Benedicins omnia opera (Dyson in F. Benedicins (Dyson in F. Benedicins) (Party of Maintier), Ven M Till.

ST CLEMENT BANES (RAF Chareth WCL: 9 HC. 1) Choral Euch & HC. Missa Asterna Curisti munera (Palestrina), Will weeping and walling the Priests made Supplication (Pallis).

CHAPEL ROTAL Hampton Cour Palace: 8 30 HC. 11 M. Benedicite (Partellis) in B nad. Jubiliste (Metaley William Lautbourdons), Hide not thou thy lace (Parten); 3-30 E. Le thy merciful cars (Werlandelssohn)

ALL HALLEWE BY THE TOWER: 11 S

RIGE. SEV CROOM P Debindy.

All. SANITS, Margaret Sires, Wi: 8 &
5.15 LM: 11 HM. Mass for five valces
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offences Parasito, Res N E Holman; 6 E
8 The Short Service Optoniey, when
David heard (Weellieg).

All. #00LMS, Langham Pince, Wi: 11 &
6.30 Pastor P Wegnut of Romania. 6.30 Pastor P Negrut of Romania.
CHESISA DID CHURCH. Chryne Walk,
SW3: 8 HC 10 CHURCH. Service; 11
Partin Communion; 6 E.
CHESIT CHURCH. CURLISEA. SW3: 8
HC 11 S Such. Bey N Vigers.
GROSVENOR CHAPEL. South Antiley
SITHSU E 15 HC: (1 S Enric. HORS British
(Leighnon), A Utany (Walton), Rev A W
Martin.

MARKI.

1804 TRINITY. Brompton Road, SWT:
10.30 Pamily Service & HC. Mr J
Jennings: 6.30 Informal Service & HC.
ROYT G P Gumbel.

1804 TRINITY. Prince Consort Road.

SWT: 8.30 & 12.05 HC. 11 MP. Rev Dr M.

18745. ISTACIBOLY TRIPUTT, Stone Street, SWI:
845 HC II S Each, Misse R Micolai
(Haydri, Rev R Yases.
ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, ECI: 9.30 SM:
II HM, Misse Brevis (Palestrian), Preb J
Geologi: 5.30 LM.

Generit: 5.30 LM.

ET ALTHOLINETW THE CREAT.

Benedicité (Linyd), A. My God. my God

Rinws, Roy N Eddie au Choral Euch,

Short Service (Tailis), A. O sacross

convivium (Tailis), Rey A Wizzer.

ST BRIDETS, Fleet Street, ECt: 11

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Call to remembrance (Wilhous d.30 Choral

E. Responses (Smith), Moriey Short

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SY GROBOLTS, Hanover Squara, W1:

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(Cornal, The Recion.)

FG GRES-IN-THE-FEELDS, St. Giles

High St. WC2: & A. 12 HC, II MP, Rev F

FRUNCH: 6.30 EP, Rev G C Taylor.

SY JAMES'S, Museumit Hill, N10: 8 HC;

10.30 Morning Workship, Freb M

Bunlief: 8.30 EF, Rev G Williams.

FY JAMES'S, Ficcasilly, W1: 8.30 HC; ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 5.0 HC: 11 S Euch, Rev Ulla Monitory: 5.45 EP. 5T JAMES'S, Stonest Genrices, W2: 6 HC: 19.36 I Santa, Mars Stonestey, Ah., helpicas wretch (helping), Bov S Gallowers: 6 Choral E, Patrass in A miliant, When David heard (Townshing, The Vicin.

ST JOHN THE BAFTEST, Holland Rd. W14: 16 Mass flating 11 Spc; 6 Stations of the Cross & Berediction. to the Cross & Benediction.

HT John's Wood Chimack. NWe # BC 930 Parish Communical il 9-Such. Christus Facus Est (Fraction), Missa Pange Lingua (Joseph). The Your. ST UNCE. Chelson, SW2: 8 à 12.15 HC: 10.30 8 Ench. Ubl Cartine Durutifi. Rev D Wasson: 6.30 R. Annubifon - In pace (Sheppard), Julie Boyc.

Boyd.

ST MARK'S, Regions Perk Rd, NW; 8
HG, 10 Farnity Communion, 11 S Euch,
Short Service (Tailid, Noise morrest
peccanoris (Moriey), Rev J Humble.
ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW; LOTA IN THE KNOW BITCH CHAIR (LIVER 18 A)
The Processor's Each, Mark (Stokes), Noto another pecusion's (Mortey), Agains (Stokes), Noto another pecusion's (Mortey), Agains Del (Pour Part Mass) Byttl), Rev Mertiss Junes: 11:30 Visitairs to Loudon Service. Responses (Solid), Rev Mertiss Junes: 13:30 Visitairs to Loudon Service, Rev Johnson (Service, Rev

8 B. ST MARKYS. Printrose Hill, NW3: 8 HC: 10.30 Philipsong. Be merciful unto the (Blow), Rev J Cressien: 6.30 Songr of Praise. Praise.

5T MARTLEBONS, Marylebone Road,
WI: 8 HC, 11 Choral Euch, Missa Brevis
Fraiestring. Procurient one quoticle
phoralest. The Rector, 6:30 EP.

5T MARTLE-STRAND (WEN'S Church).
STRANG WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev
E Teoropous
57 MATTHEW'S, Great Print St. SW1: 8

Service dinners

Fr Ephrem Karies; 6.30 LM, New R. Crawinots.

FT MICHAEL*S, Chester Square, 5W1: 8,15 HC, 11 MB; 7 Informal ES & HC es Grey Cost Hospital Lower School, Graham Terrace and Informal ES at St. James the Less, Vannihall Bridge Road, 57 NOCHAEL*S, Combill, EC3: 11 Chord Batch, Dayle in A mileor, There is an old beine (Pasty). Rev Ourid Batton Brants.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, 5W7: 10.30 Parally NC; 5.30 Informal Service.

ST FAUL'S, Wilton Flact, 5W1: 8 & NC; 11 Selemin Each, Milms if a fittont. Turn there made me O Lord (Royce, West) me throughly (Hancell, Rev Index South St. 15 Person. Each, Milms if a fittont. Turn there made me O Lord (Royce, West) me throughly (Hancell, Rev Index South St. 15 ST PETER'S, Easten Square, 5W1: 3.15

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57 PETER'S, Essem Squark PW1: 8.15 Mc 10 Permity bines: 11 5M, blans in G (wanghan Williams), Vinea mea elects (pusiend, Pr. A Buck.

57 STRAON EELOTES, Mines Street, SW3: 8 Mc 11 Parish Commanion (pulist, O Lond, look down from heaven (parish), Requester (Casant, Rev G James: 630 C. Rev G James.

57 STEPHENTS, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 A 9 Lbc. 11 3M, Mass in G mines (parish Shaw), O remember not (puscall. Pr N Cocking: 6 Sudiens of the Crism & Bransfirting.

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CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covern Garden, WCE: 11.15 &
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CHURCH OF DITE LADY, Lisson Grove,
SI John's Wood: 10.45 Missa La soi fe re
mi (Bosquin), Percansum me (Palestring).

CRURCIE OF OUR SOUT HOLY RE-DEEDEEL, Cheyne Rose, SW2: 10, 11, 15.15, 5.30 Fr F Mohas. FARM STREET, W: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM: 11 HM. Adorament to Chrise (assays) Mires de Angells, Super Harmbra Subpriorité (Pale-sucial). O vos commes (Pittoria). TER ORATORY, Eurospoon Rosel, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 Mass, Missa Sext con (CYCCE: Seper Harmbra Section) (Vic-

(Cross Paper Bumina Section) tool (cross, 1230, 439, 7; 3.30 V 8, Domine conveniere (Lassus).

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ST MARYS, Cadogen Street, SW3: Masses 8.30, 10, 11 Missa Acterna Christi Munera (Palestrine), O_Vos

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EMPLETA METRIODIST CNURCH, King's Road, SVC: 11 Mrs Adele Bird: 6 HC, Rev M Bunddy.

Ringy Road, SWIL 11 Mes Addle Bird: 6
HC, Rev M Bunddy.

HINDE STREET METHODIST
CHURCH, Wi: 11 Rev D Cruise: 6.30
Rev F Hoar.

SENSINGTON TRAFFER, (Charlematic).

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SALVATION ARBITY (Repert Hail). Coford St W1: 11 & 8.30 Major C Hunt.
ST ANDREWS URC. Frognal Lane
NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

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Grepham St. ECT 11 Choral MC.
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WESLETT CHAPPEL, Cig Road, EC2
a St HC 11 MC Rev P Hulling.

WESLET'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC2: 9.45 HC; 11 MS, Rev P Hulme.

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odist), SWI: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R John Tudor. WESTMINISTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Guic-SWI: 11 & 6.30 Rev Dr R T Rendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING EOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Marries to VC: 11, Meeting for worship.

pilots' dinner held last night. Mr D.M. Spiers, Controller Aircraft, MOD(PE), also spoke.

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Northembrian Universities Air Squadron

Air Marshal Sir Michahl Stear, Air Officer Commanding No 18 Group RAF, was the guest of honour at the annual dinner of the Northumbrian Universities. Air Squadron held last night at Newcastle University. Squadron Leader M.J. Baker presided. Air Vice-Marshal D. Cousins, Air

Oxford University Officers Training Corps
Lieutenant-Colonel G.F. Wheeler, among others present were:

RAF Church Penton

Rateliffian Association Mr M.D. Heath presided at the annual dinner of the Ratcliffian Association held last night at the Cavalty and Guards Club. The Rev L. Hardidge, Headmaster and Father President of Ratcliffe College, and the Rev Kit Cunningham were among those present.

Defence Research Agency
Group Captain R. Beazley,
Commanding Officer Experimental Flying at the Defence
Research Agency Famborough
was the host at the annual test

Officer Commanding and Commandant RAF College Cranwell, was among those present

Deutemant-Colonel G.F. Wheeler, Commanding Officer of the Oxford University Officers' Training Corps, was the host at a dinner held last night at Keble College. Sir Michael Quintan, Under Seoretary of State, Ministry of Defence, was the principal guest and among others practice and among others practice has the content practice.

among omers present were:
Fleid Marchal Sir John Chappis
(Monorary Colonel), Frantssor Richard
Tilleard-Cole (Sepury Hononary Colonet), Hesteman-General the Hon Sir
Whilsan Rous (Belling) Sacreacy and
Lleutenant-General Sir Richard
Swindture.

RAF Charth Penton
The Lord Mayor of Leeds was the
guest of honour at a dinner held
last night at RAF Church Fenton.
Squadron Leader K.P. Sherdley,
WRAF, presided and Group Captain J.K. Walters was among
those present.

Dinners Institute of Marine Engineers Rokison, QC, were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Institute of Marine Engineers held last night at Grosvenor House. Rear-Admiral M.A. Vallis, president, presided. Among others present were: Artong others present were:
The Norwegian Ambassator, the High
Cosmulasioners for Nigeria, Paidman,
Australia and New Zealand. Sir Roders
let Melcod fehaleman, Lloyd's Register
of Shipping, Vice-admiral Sir Roders
Mill (Depot Communicy of the Navy and
Chief Abovewater Systems Executive),
Mr W & O'Nell Sections, Propensia,
International Maritime Organisation),
Mr D & Filer differeor-general, Ensecting Cosmola, Rest admiral D G
Holmouse (Rag officer, Navas Support
Command, Royal Australian News) and
att \$ 1 mm (president, Chamber of
Edisping).

European Business Club Bristol
Professor Uwe Kitzinger was the
guest speaker at a dinner given by
the European Business Club Bristol
Allers withbus the Business sol last night at the Bristol Commercial Rooms. Mr P.R.A. Kelly, chairman, presided.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.F.W. Adams and Miss J.S. Law

The engagement is announced between Giles, eldest son of Professor David Adams, of Keele. Staffordshire, and of Mrs Virginia Holt, of Edinburgh, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs George Law, of London, W8.

Mr S.R.M. Baynes

and Miss M.A.M. Boag The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Lieutenant Colonel Sir John and Lady Baynes, of Talwrn Bach. Lianfyllin, Wales, and Margaret, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Sydney Boag, of Boar's Hill. Oxford.

Mr J.A.D. Bell and Miss K.M. Gallagher The engagement is announced between Joe, elder son of Mr and Mrs J. David Bell, of Broadstairs. Kent, and Kate, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Gallagher, of Middleson-on-Sea. Wen Sussex.

Mr D.J. Ceiley and Miss C.H. Woodrow The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Dr and Mrs John Colley, of Pamham, North Yorkshire, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs George Woodrow, of Croydon, Surrey.

Mr M. Colbecot end Miss LM. Holderness The engagement is announced between Mark son of Mr and Mrs Roy Colborne, of

Sournemouth, Dorset, and Jo Michelle, younger daughter of Richard and Cassandra Holderness, of Lytchett Matravers, Dorsel. Mr N.E. Contagns and Mine N.C.G. Newman

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, second son of Mr and Mrs C. Costaras, of Bromley, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.E.D. Newman, of

Mir C.J. de Courcy-Bower

and Min Y.A.L. Weinisco

The engagement is announced between Christopher, eldest son of Mr and Mrs John de Courcy-Bower, of Farnborough, Hampshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Brigadler and Mrs Edward Wilkinson, of Ashford-in-the-Water, Derbyshire.

Lord Hugh M. Donglas-Hamilton and Miss P. Haywood and Miss P. Haywood
The engagement is announced between Hugh, third son of Elizabeth, Duchess of Hamilton and Douglas late Duke of Hamilton, and Penelope, daughter of the late Mr and Mrs William Haywood.

Mr G.T. Durant and Miss S.E. Herman-Smith and Miss S.E. Herman-Smith
The engagement is announced
between Gien, elder son of Mr
and Mrs Gilbert Aubrey Durant,
of Poole, Dorset, and Saily,
second daughter of Mr Michael
Herman-Smith, of Barnt Green,
Worcestershire, and Mrs Heather
Syson, of Ombersley,
Worcestershire.

and Miss K.L. Hearnden The engagement is announced between David, son of the late Mr S.A. Farrow and of Mrs M.V. Farrow, of Peterborough, Cambridgeshire, and Louisa. daughter of Mr and Mrs A.G. Hearnden of Abingdon, Oxfordshire.

Weekend royal

engagements TODAY: The Duke of York, as Patron of the Badminton Association of England, will attend the 1992 All England Open Championships at Wembley Arena at 3.30. TOMORROW: The Duchess of

York, as Patron of the Christ Church Cathedral Restoration Appeal, will attend a service of thanksgiving in the Chapel Royal, St Peter ad Vincula within HM Tower of London, at 11,00. Prince Edward will attend the premiere of the Children's Film Unit production How's Business

at the Odeon, Leicester Square, at 10.30; and will attend the BAFTA craft awards at the Theatre Royal, Bristol, at 5.45.

Correction

Baroness Blackstone has been appointed a trustee of the Natural History Museum, not the British Museum as reported on March

The engagement is announced between Michael, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roderick Francis, of Dinton, Buckinghamshire, and Katrina, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Jones of Bishop Monkton, North Yorkshire.

Mr C.V.C. Harris and Miss S.J.M. Groom The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of the late Colonel P.V. Harris, CBE, and the late Mrs E.L. Harris, nee Mitford, of Devizes, Wiltshire, and Sophie, eldest daughter of Mr M.J.M. Groom and Mrs S.B.

Groom, of Devon. Mr R.B.P. Jennings and Miss E.P. Stephens

The engagement is announced between Robert, son of the late Mr and Mrs R.A.U. Jennings, of Salisbury, and Pippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Stephens, of Bergh Apton. Norfolk.

Mr P.J. Komorowski and Miss N.M. Mainprice The engagement is announced between Pawel, only son of Mr perween rawes, only son of or and Mrs W. Komorowski, of Grabowo, Poland, and Nicola, youngest daughter of the late Mr Henry Russell Mainprice and of Mrs Joan Mainprice, of Perselving Charlesia. Prestbury, Cheshire.

Mr J.R.A. Lilley and Miss N.C.L. Usborne The engagement is announced between James, son of Mr and Mrs Christopher Lilley, of Watford, Hertfordshire and Natasha, daughter of Mr and Mrs Barnaby Usborne, of Lee

Common, Buckinghamshire. Mr P.D Lucas and Miss S. McLeavy The engagement is announced between Phillip, son of Mr and

Mrs David Lucas. of Hindhead, Surrey, and Sarah, daughter of the Hon Frank and Mrs Verena McLeavy, of Leeds, West Yorkshire, and granddaugther of Lord McLeavy. Mr B.J. Morris and Miss S.E. Horne

The engagement is announced between Ben, youngest son of the late Mr Ken Morris and of Mrs Wynsome Morris, of Downton.
Willshire, and Sally, daughter
of Mr and Mrs Jim Horne,
of Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloude estershire. The wedding will take place on April 25, 1992.

and Miss R.O.C. Saunders The engagement is announced between Jaime, son of Mr and Mrs Douglas Robinson.

of Ponteland, Northumberland, and Rhiannon, daughter of Mrs Olivia Saunders Davies, of Cambridge, and Mr David Saunders Davies, of Ower. Hampshire. Lieutenant Commander S.A.

Schiny, RAN
and Miss S. Railton
The engagement is announced
between Lleutenant Commander Simon Schiwy, Royal Australian Navy, second son of Mr R.H. Schiwy, of Perth, Western Australia, and Mrs T. McMeekin, of Seven Mile Beach. Tasmania, and Sara, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Railton, of Arrowtown, New

Mr. R.J. Voice The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs. T.W. Voice, of Sunan Coldfield, and Andrea, daughter of Mrs E.J. Bowden, of Solihull

Luncheon

Lord Bottomley
Lord Bottomley was the host at a farewell luncheon given at the House of Lords yesterday by the Executive Committee of the United Kingdom branch of the Commowealth Parliamenury Association in honour of the Speakers. Deputy Speakers and members of Commonwealth par-liaments attending the 1992 Parliamentary Seminar at West-minster. Mr Colin Shephere. MP. chairman, presided.

Duchy of Lancaster

The Queen pricked the following names of the High Sheriffs within the Duchy and County Palatine of Lancaster on the Lites at Buckingham Palace on March 12: Lancashire: Mr Keith Ains-worth Gledhill, of Blackpool: Greater Manchester: Mr Samuel Jack Victor Arditil, of Bowdon, Cheshire: Merseyside: Mr Alan William Waterworth, of Kingsley.

Galatium 6 7 (REB) BURTUS ANDREW - On March 9th 1942, at the Humana Hospital Wellington to Niget and Mislame a son Luke Ballhasar

BIDSTRUP - On March 5th 1992' to Jan ther Ryant and Hen 4 beautiful daughter. Elizabeth Wary Louise, half BROWN - On March 6th. to WYNTER - On March 9th. to hate and David, a daughter, Lucy Ethabeth, a sister for Amabet and Emily

HARRIS - On Viarch 10th, to ludith nee Path) and Adrian a daughter Jessica Vice a sister for Emma HOWARD - On March 10th, at Dirichester to Suzanne nee Last and Mike, a claughter, Kale Louke LEWIS - On March 3rd to Sara and Title a win, Owen David Hugh, a brother for Miggan

MANN - On March 11th lo and Cine a son Alexander McMAHAN - On Warch 7th las, a son Charles Robert Orbite (Charles a brother tot Endis PELLEW - On March 3rd, In Deone (me Selbie) and Micholas a son, Christopher Vidiony Lloyd BIRTHS

TNOMAS - On March 12th, at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Louisa inde Swithinbank) and Nuys), a daughter, Georgina Charlotte Elizabeth, a sister for Isobet.
THOMPSON - On February 27th 1992 to Jane ripee Jakerman and Caristopher, a son, Andrew Christopher, a brother for David WAUCHOPE - On March WAUCHOPE - On March 12th, in Hong Kong, to Jestica one Hudson and Francis a son Alasdair Martham

Bridget and Cuy, a daughter. Sophia Florence, sister to Hugo, Henry and Katherine DEATHS

1992 peacruity after a short filness. aged 78. Jordyn Mary wife of the late Francis Berthoud, much loved mother and iale Francis Berthoud, much ioxed mother funeral at Yelminster Church pear Sherborne, Dorset, al 20m on Wednesday Starch 18th Family flowers only please Donations in her memory to The Camer Resourch Campaign

Califpaign HOBSON - On March 12th HOBSON - On March 12th 1992, Sir Hai old, pedecidly at Westhamprett Nursing Home Chichester, aged 87 Funeral at Chichester Crematorium on Friday March 20th at 13 am A Memorial Service will beheld at a later date 10 be annuinced Flowers and enquiries to Edward White & Soin 5 South Pallant Chichester, tel. (0243) ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWNS: 11 5 DEATHS

QUITMANIII On March 13th, Herbert O.G. studdenly, at Hever, aged 90. He leaves his son, familiar, grandchildren and it now reunsled with his dear wife Ver. Funeral Wedgesday March 18th, 11.30. St. Peters. Hever: Family flowers but donallous to The Brs. Mether St. Ambrewa Comvent. Edenbridge

SANITER - On March 11th, in

SAMITER - On March 11th, in a Shettleid hospital. Dr. Frank Henry Samber OBE, aged 85 years, beloved histoand of Marlota loving father of Marlon and John. father-in-law of Netl and Martha and grandfather of Daniel, Thomas, Mark and Elaino Service at 81 John's Church, Raismoor, Shefferd, Friday March 20th at 2 30 pm followed by cremation. No flowers please Donalrons for \$1 John's Cherch, Raismoor, may be sent to John Health & Sons Fuperal Directors, Shefferd

CUMMINGHAM On Thursday March 12th 1992 suddenly in her sleep JR, wife of St Hugh Cunningham, of East Knoyle, Salisbury Funeral at 2 15pm on Wedgeeday March 18th at S Mary's, East Knoyle, followed by Jamlly only cremation No flowers Donations if desired in The Life-Anew Trust (Clouds Houset, c/o GE, Johnson's and Son Lid.), 41, 43 High Street Shallesbury Donast 5977 BJF MADDOX - On Wednesday
March 11th 1992, pracefully
at her house in Cambridge,
Lucy Windred Mary, aged
67 years, Darling wife of
Bey David Maddox and
most dearly loved mother of
Carotyn Funeral Service at
Trumpington Parish Church,
Cartifendige, on Thursday
March 19th at 3 pm. Family
flowers only but donatious
for Prof N. Beefren's Camere
Research Fund may be sent
to Briam Warner Funeral
Service. 4 Harshel Court,
Hartington
Cambridge,

HILL - On March 12th 1992. Geoffry husband of Fejicits Green, brother of Rhona Winter Funeral at Golders winter Funcral at Golders
Green Crematorium. Hoop
Lane. London NW 11. Large
Chapel. 3 30 pm on Monday
March 16th No flowers.
please send denations to Mrs.
Rosemar's Sillion. Howard
Ward. 5t Thomas Hospital.
London SE1 Please make
cheques payable to Trustees for St.
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JOHNSTON - On February 28th 1992 Dermot, suddenity in Johannesburg, belos ed husband of Sue, father of Andrew and Emma and dearly loved son of Andrew and Rosalin and brother of Marten. Anne and Guy

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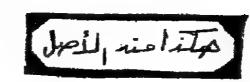
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OBITUARIES

SIR HAROLD HOBSON

Sir Harold Hobson, CBE, drama critic of *The Sunday Times* from 1947 to 1976, died on March 12 aged 87. He was born on August 4, 1904.

FOR almost thirty years Harold-Hobson was essential reading every Sunday morning for anyone with any concern for the theatre. He was there during the right decades when British theatre was going through its great resurgence. And Hobson was ever a champion of new drama. whether it came from Brenton or Beckett, Pinter or Billetdoux. He was there, too, at a period when the influence of the Sunday newspaper critics was at its peak. Hobson and Tynan could turn a box-office round after the dailies had had their say. They did so in the case of John Osborne's Look Back in Anger. But more often Hobson and Tynan, the two weekly colossi, would disagree, And that added spice to the Sunday breakfast table, as well as probably giving them both pleasure.

Harold Hobson will be remembered as an endearingly contentious writer in a form of criticism always notable for its individualists. Penelope Gilliatt coined the phrase about the characteristic sound of the English Sunday being that of Harold Hobson barking up the wrong tree. But very frequently he barked up the right one. Few other writers on the theatre in Hobson's period aroused more argument. Certainly no one responded to it with a more

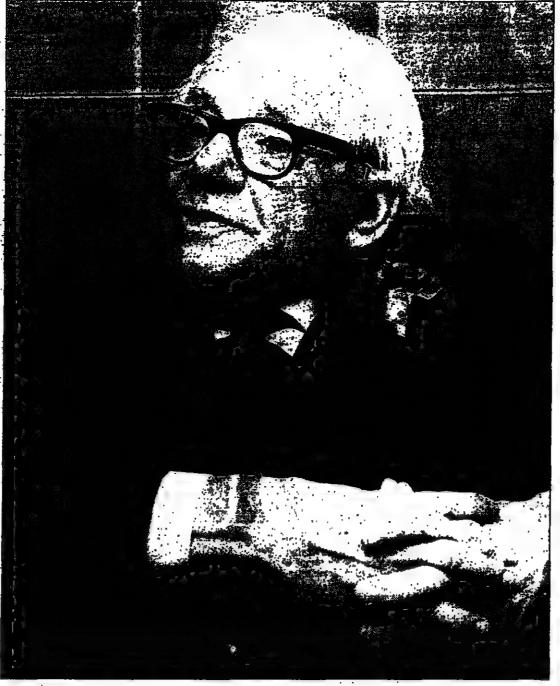
appealing good nature. He was primarily an essayist at a day when the essay was beginning to fall from grace. Hobson was lucky to have the theatre as a theme. Though by no means so discursive as James Agate, his predecessor, he could write expertly round a play without hiding his firmly independent views under too complex a web of illustrative allusion. He was apt, as a Christian Scientist, to put a religious gloss on plays where none was visi-ble to non-Christians.

His opinions could be surprising; sometimes they sounded almost deliberately perverse. But in his work, as in his friendships, he liked to tease: it delighted him when someone would tread furiously on his trailing coat. It was impossible to be at odds with him for long, though one might wish sometimes that a man of his talent, in so influential a post, could be more selective in his enthusiasms. Still, the stage of his day owed much to his championship of Harold Pinter, whose quality he discerned in The Birthday Party when other critics had rejected it." He applauded the work of John Osborne and Samuel Beckett: he was rarely out of touch with new movements in the drama; and as an ardent supporter of the French theatre in many moods, he carried on

where Agate left off.

But after that champlonship of

Look Back he was less supportive of
the work of the Royal Court, where George Devine and his team of



young turks were trying break loose from the straitiacket of boulevard comedy, than he might have been. Hobson's favoured playwrights were more likely to be Fry and

Whiting.
He was rarely in tune with the American theatre and found little inspiration in the sheer Broadway professionalism which totally revolutionised the musical in the postwar years. Nor was Shakespearian criticism among his strengths: he could be an idiosyncratic judge of

But Hobson was unconcerned that his views might be idiosyncratic at times or untrendy. He had no intention of being a "safe" critic. He loved the theatre, he enjoyed talking about it. He wrote about it with

passion and when he was strongly moved, as in his notices of Pinter or Claudel, and his appreciations of Ralph Richardson (on whom he wrote a monograph) and Edwige Feuilière, he could reach genuine

Few London critics covered so iong a span. Sunday by Sunday Hobson's choice was observed with amusement at his folbles, respect for his sincerity, and affection for the man himself, a "character" in a role where it is not enough to be gently effacing. He tried, he explained once, to say what the average play-goer would be saying in ten years' time; on those terms he probably had as many hits as misses.

Everyone admired him for his

natural kindness and his courage.

night was incomplete without him, usually in a corner seat in the front row of stalls where he held court before the play and in the interval. Born at Thorpe Hesley, near

was, were alway there to form round

him. For years a West End first

Rotherham in Yorkshire, he was the son of Jacob Hobson and Minnie McKegg. Through all difficulties he entered Oriel College, Oxford, by way of Sheffield Grammar School, and graduated in 1928. In 1931 he began to write drama criticism in London for the Christian Science Monitor (he was an ardent Christian Scientist), and in 1946 he became the paper's London literary editor, a post he combined with his work for the theatre and (from 1947 to 1951) as television critic for The

· He first became familiar in London drama criticism when he acted as James Agate's understudy towards the end of that powerful figure's reign at The Sunday Times. Hobson was appointed assistant literary editor of the paper in 1944; from the following year he was also a second string critic whose reviews. in Agate's increasing absence, appeared frequently in the theatre column. It caused no surprise in his office when he succeeded Agate in 1947; thereafter he went steadily forward.

At first he was anxious to write books. He had already published a novel. The Devil in Woodford Wells, a graceful fantasy inspired by his pleasure in cricket and his admiration of Max Beerbohm, He went on, perhaps injudiciously, to follow Agate's Ego series by two volumes. Theatre and Theatre 2 (1948 and 1950) that mingled a daily journal with passages from his reviews. He was more at home in the anthology with comments. Verdict at Midnight (1952); but his best work is found in The French Theatre of Today (1953) where he could express his excitement in the Paris stage, its dramatists (Genet for one), and its players. In 1960 he was created a Chevaller of the Legion of Honour, but he returned the decoration eight years later in a typically chivalrous protest at the treatment of Jean-Louis Barrauit.

Hobson published little else in book form apart from his autobiography, though he edited several issues of International Theatre Annual and was part-author (1974) of Pearl of Days, a history of The Sunday Times. He said once that critics might gain a truer view of their functions if they were called historians. A man able to re-create what he had seen and heard on the stage, and to convey the emotional impression it had made on him, was discharging his task in "a just and honourable manner."

In 1971 he was created CBE for his services to the theatre and knighted in 1977. He married, secondly, in 1981. Hobson's friends, as loyal as he Nancy Penhale.

FREDERICK PAYNE

ary 8 aged 69. He was born on December 16.

FREDERICK Payne trained as an actor at RADA in the late 1940s after service in the RAF. His first professional part was as Romeo in a season at Hayling Island and he then spent several years in the theatre, in repertory and on tour, where his sleek good looks and air of authority kept him continually in demand. He met his wife. Mynle Rowe, herself a prize winner from RADA, while on tour and they continued to work together after their marriage.

It was Payne's voice, how-ever, which brought him his greatest success. He had already performed in radio drama for the BBC, and in 1957 he was invited to join the BBC English by Radio Repenory Company, which was, and still is, dedicated to the teaching of English as a foreign language. He was only intending to stay with the company for a short stint before moving back to theatre; but he took so naturally to the special requirements of the job that he stayed on and on, and eventually the question of his leaving simply ceased to arise.

That he should become an expert in the teaching of English without being a qualified teacher was an extraordinary accomplishment; yet in the

Frederick Payne, actor and end it was impossible to marksman died on Februimagine the department imagine the department functioning without him. Other actors came and went "on the rep". All learned something from the clarity, warmth and assurance of his delivery

It was through the BBC Rifle Club, which he joined in the 1950s, that Payne discovered a second great talent as a marksman. He quickly developed to international standard, became a member of the National Rifle Association and was a finalist in the Queen's Prize a remarkable Il times. He was captain of the British team in the 1981 tour to Canada and in the Kolapore match at Bisley in 1991 - when the team set up a new record score - demonstrating in competition on the field the same accuracy and cool-headedness that were his strengths in a recording

studio. During the 1980s Payne also worked for the BBC World Service as a news reader and continuity announcer. He continued as a freelance in both departments of the BBC long after his eventual and unwanted retirement in 1987. Indeed, he was working a shift for the World Service the night before he went into hospital for what he maintained was routine heart surgery, and he was, as always cheerful and optimistic.

Frederick Payne, whose marriage was dissolved, is survived by his son Nicholas.

APPRECIATION

Richard Ziegler

JUST to set the record straight, Richard Ziegler (obituary March 2) and I lived together from 1943. In 1963 we emigrated to Majorca and bought a 300 year old stone house under the mountain of the Lluch Monastery. where he had a large studio and terrace. His works are to be found in galleries in Munich, Berlin and New York, as well as in Milwaukee, where eight are to be found in the Fishman Collection. This toured Europe last year. There was a big graphic exhibition in Pforzheim last year to celebrate his 100th birthday.

We lived in Majorca until 1989, when he moved to a pleasant retirement home in Pforzheim with me. He enjoyed in a mild and humorous way the enthusiastic reviews of his exhibitions which had taken place in the last four or five years, and the excitement which had been aroused by the revelation of his works of the 1920s by Professor Roter and the Fishmans of

Milwaukee. On his last day he sat as usual in his armchair, re-

ceived two visitors for a chat, and when he went eventually to bed, he closed his eyes, sighed and went to sleep forever, aged 100 years and nine months. There remains, among a large collection of his work willed to his heirs, a vast library of his diaries -Tagebücher — filled with drawings and descriptions of his life in his beloved Italy and Majorca and of course in the Berlin of the Twenties, and lots and lots of girls and women whom he loved - of all types and ages, clothed and unclothed.

Susan Ziegler



LASLO BENEDEK

Laslo Benedek, Hungarian-born film director whose pictures included The Wild One and Death of a Salesman, died in Man-hattan on March 11 aged 87. He was born in Budapest on March 5, 1905.

IN LASLO Benedek's directorial output there were two great peaks and many troughs. His Mount Everest was reached when he directed Marlon Brando, basking beside his motorcycle in black leather, cap and jeans, in The Wild One (1953), an early milestone in Hollywood's depiction of juvenile delinquency. He also earned plaudits for Death of a Salesman (1951), a respectful version of Arthur Milier's play that made up in potent perfor-mances what it lacked in cinematic verve.

Films apart, Benedek's career remained curiously unfocussed. One of Hollywood's many European emigres, he never dug deep into his roots like Robert Siodmak or Fritz Lang. His first Hollywood feature in 1948 was an empty-headed MGM musical, The Kissing Bandit, featuring Frank Sinatra. There followed thrillers, adventure dramas, one agreeable family film (Namu, The Killer Whale), and much foreign travel: he made films in West Germany, Cuba, Britain, France, Sweden and Greece.

Throughout the 1950s and 1960s he was also kept busy by American television, directing episodes of Perry Mason, The Untouchables and The Alfred Hitchcock Hour. Essentially, Benedek belonged to that unsung but essential breed: the director for hire.

After psychiatry studies at the University of Vienna Laslo Benedek decided on a career in film. He went to the UFA studios in Berlin as assistant cameraman. He worked his way up to becoming assistant to the producer Joe Pasternak, a fellow Hungarian, whom he followed to Vienna in 1933. The Paster-



nak liaison was to prove

crucial. Pasternak employed him as an assistant on some fifteen films in Berlin and Vienna. But in common with many other central Europeans in the cinema industry he was. forced by the rise of the Nazi party to lead an itinerant life. He worked as a film editor in France and as a screenwriter in England. This period had a lifelong influence: Benedek by nature remained a rover. reluctant to put down roots

anywhere. By 1937 he had followed Pasternak across the Atlantic. His first workplace was MGM's montage department. He wrote scripts in Mexico before returning to

-Hollywood under Pasternak's patronage. The producer's speciality was now jolly, often brash, wartime musicals and Benedek was put to work on pieces like Anchors Aweigh. His own directing debut, in The Kissing Bandit, was made under Pasternak's

But it was another producer, Stanley Kramer, who gave Benedek his best chances. Kramer had a contract to make low-budget features for Columbia; in 1951 he chose Benedek to direct Death of a Salesman. The script stuck doggedly to Miller's play: Benedek, in turn, stuck doggedly to the actors. Fredric March, who had turned down the chance to play Willy



He was a victim of polio in his

childhood, but life was a struggle

which he faced with the utmost

calm. In crippled youth he was

fortunate in his parents' care. They

supplied him with quantities of

books, mainly from the public li-

brary, and he was to a large extent

self-educated, as he explained in his

autobiography, Indirect Journey. At

one point his ambition was to be a

fellow of an Oxford college. His lifelong love of watching cricket was

an obvious compensation for his

first wife Elizabeth (Gladys Bessie Johns) — who died in 1979 — in the

happiest of marriages. They had one

Later he had the support of his

physical disabilities.

daughter, Margaret.

Icon Marlon Brando in The Wild One and his director, Laslo Benedek

Loman on Broadway, made up for lost time with a somewhat distorting, outsize performance. Yet the rest of the cast, including Mildred Dunnock and Kevin McCarthy, pitched their parts with finesse; and Benedek managed some fluid transitions into the flashbacks that illuminated the salesman's failed

dreams of glory.
With The Wild One (1954), Benedek's hour finally came. He believed in the material, and undertook field research among motorcycle gangs. By today's standards the film seems innocuous, but America's censorship authorities saw enough subversion in the original script to label it unpatriotic, even communistic. Britain's Board of Film Censors, fearing impressionable youngsters might take the bikers too much to heart, banned The Wild One for commercial release. It had a number of screenings under the auspices of film societies but the ban was not lifted until 1968, one year before

many godchildren, roared on to the screens. Benedek's European ori-

gins helped him draw out the incisive observations of smalltown bigotry and claustro-phobia in John Paxton's script. Asked by a biker what usually happens in the town that becomes their battleground, one citizen observes. "Roses grow, people get mar-ried, bugs get you." But the film's force would be nothing without Marlon Brando, simmering with inarticulate rage as the biker Johnny, whose machine accidentally kills an elderly pedestrian. Over the years, the image of Brando, encased in black leather. leaning cockily on his bike. grew to become one of the icons of the age.

For all the impact made by The Wild One in America. Benedek's next job was to make Rock Hudson appear a convincing British army officer in Bengal Brigade, a dull period adventure. Routine assignments continued unabated for the next 20 Easy Rider, one of the film's years. But at least Benedek

had his moments in the sun. In 1977 he came to live in Manhattan and became

chairman of the Graduate Film Program of New York University. Many of his pupils there and at a number of other universities where he taught film, with his Hungarian accent always prominent, became lifelong friends. Years after graduation his favoured students came to the Benedek apartment, which always looked as though he had just moved there. Cases full of books remained unpacked, pictures still waiting to be hung rested against the walis. Laslo Benedek was not a homemaker. He was married three

times. His third wife, after separating from Benedek, married his close friend and fellow Hungarian film director Endre "Andrew" Marion. who died only last month. Laslo Benedek is survived by his two daughters and his longtime companion Danielle DeMers.

March 14 ON THIS DAY

Chartism, the popular movement for social and electoral reform, began in 1836. It was at its height in 1842 when a pettion to Parliament contained three million signatures. The

meeting described below was one of the last before the lovement lost its appeal and gradually disintegrated. **CHARTIST**

MEETINGS Yesterday the meeting of

Chartists, which was an-nounced at Trafalgar square a week ago, which has excited so much alarm among the peace-loving inhabitants of the metropolis, and which led to the adoption of such extensive and formidable precautions by the police, took place at 12 o'clock at Kennington-common. The number of persons who assembled on the occasion was, as might have been expected, large, and at a rough calculation amounted altogether to about 14,000 or 15,000; but, notwithstanding, the meeting, viewed either as a display of physical or of moral and added and a decided a force, was a decided and conspicuous failure.

In the first place, the assemblage of persons in the centre of the common to hear the outpourings of Chartist eloquence never exceeded 7,000. About 5,000 or 6,000 spectators assembled along the mad which surrounds the common, and from a safe distance watched the proceedings of the day. The remaining 1,000 in the calculation was made up entirely or nearly so of young thieves, who hung upon the skirts of the meeting, and divided their attention pretty evenly between leap-frog, pocket-picking, and open robbery when an opportunity

Indeed, to speak the truth, the whole excitement and interest of the meeting rested in

occurred.

1848 these juvenile depredators; for the speeches were, upon the whole, rather "slow," and excited no general enthusiasm; and the speakers, by their frequent allusion to the police. betrayed more or less the fea

which beset them. Sometimes the young vaga-bonds alluded to made a rush across the common, and, seiz-ing upon the basket of a solitary baker's boy, distributed the contents among them. Sometimes they collected in crowds round one of the encrowds round one of the en-trances to the common, and preyed upon the pocket hand-kerchiefs of the unwary as they passed through. Then for a time they would disappear altogether, and the next tidings of them were that they had broken into a baker's shop, scattered the flour over the scattered the flour over the street, smashed the windows, and carried away every thing they could lay their hands on.

Boys, scarcely 10 years old, were seen on the verge of the common.

common, scampering away with parcels of goods, which from their size they endeavoured in vain to conceal, and which evidently had been plundered by them.
But even the stapel of the

meeting, strictly so called, was inferior. None of the more respectable Chartists (if we may use the term) were present. There were no decent-looking tradesmen or hard-working mechanics, such as in former times gave to these popular movements their formidable character. The speakers were all second class orators of their kind, and the passions of the assembly never appeared to be for one moment roused beyond the ordinary level. In short, the whole affair was a conspicuous failure, and the rain, which fell copiously at the close of the proceedings and scattered the crowd in every direction, most effectually checked any ten-dency among the crowd to notous and nurbulent conduct.

Previous to their taking possession, the mob began to pet each other with mud and turi. and it was under a shower of these that the meeting was formally inaugurated...

Antares deaths lead to tighter safety

BY KERRY GILL

SUBMARINE operations in the Firth of Clyde are to be cut by almost a third and stricter safety measures will be introduced, the Royal Navy said yesterday.

Four fishermen were drowned in the firth after their vessel was snagged and sunk by the nuclear-powered HMS Trenchant in November 1990.

Calls for all submarines to be removed completely from the firth were rejected as impractical. The decisions were announced in a defence ministry discussion document, which added that submarine captains were to be urged to be "frank and honest" with fishing skippers if a collision took place.

The document was pub-lished following the loss of the trawler Antares off the Isle of Arran. The government admitted that the submarine had been responsible for the tragedy. A decision is expected soon on disciplinary action, although prosecutions are to be laid.

Revised safety measures proposed by the defence minstry include a compulsory 4,000-yard distance to be maintained between submerged submarines and fishing boats in the Firth of Clyde.

in circumstances where minimum distances cannot be kept, submarines should operate only if a fishing boat raises no objection, the paper says. Submarine commanders are be be issued with portable telephones for easier

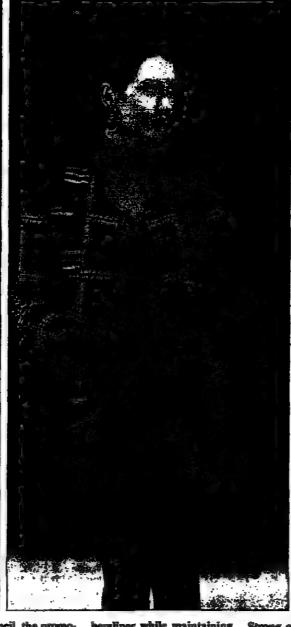
communication with boats. The notification scheme, under which Clyde fishermen are given warning of subma-rine activity, is to be extended to all British waters regularly

used by submarines.

Sheriff Principal Robert
Hay, who held an enquiry into the deaths, suggested a 3,000-yard safety zone.

British fashion sets up camp for weekend of hard sell









A TENTED village at the Duke of York's barracks in Kings Road, Chelsea, became the improvised home for British fashion yesterday as the long weekend of designer shows began.

The camp includes a tent for a foren carvall.

for a dozen catwall the same well as a stylish base for the hard-sell exhibition, where 118 top names in the industry have order books poised — and fingers crossed for an upturn in business.

A spirit of optimism pre-vails. Sir Ralph Halpern, chairman of the British

Fashion Council, the promotional body for a 56 billion fashion industry, is eacouraged by an increase in the 1991 export figures, which were up 13 per cent to £2 billion. "We have some way to go before we can say we have a buoyant retail trade," he said. "Designers can only survive today with an export market. But the store buyers are here this weekend, looking and buying."

The weekend's programme opened with a strong collec-

opened with a strong collec-tion from Caroline Charles that endorsed the new longer

hemlines while maintaining the option of short skirts. The collection finished — appropriately in 1992 — in Seville with red and black striped satin skirts and black lace mantillas for evening. For day, neat fitted jackets or long curve conclumn styles long curvy coachman styles in scarlet are worn with uild-caif length skirts that wrap and flip open sexily as they move or swirl out over a flur-ry of black lace flournes.

The four-day event closes on Monday night with a re-ception at 10 Downing Street.

Strong on style: four of the Caroline Charles designs that opened the weekend of shows yesterday, from left: Curvy highwayman's jacket with short skirt in charcasi and black stripes.

☐ Short fitted jacket and sarong skirt in abstract axiec print and turtle neck sweater. Dog tooth check trousers with matching bas, and jerwith matching bag, and jer-scy jacket edged in black with turtle neck sweater. ☐ Mock tartest wool suit with fitted jacket and short bell-shaped skirt.

Major plans Gulf-style campaign

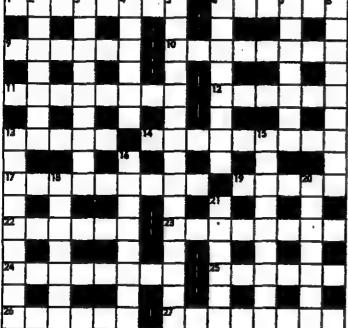
Continued from page 1 fied his readiness to take on Gerald Kaufman and Norman Lamont the Chancellor is booked for a Panorama debate with his Labour coun-terpart, John Smith, But Mr Major, like most of those in Downing Street before him, has been advised that sitting prime ministers can only lose

Northeast England and all Scotland will have frequent

past it. I can only conclude he is frightened, that he cannot by conceding status to Oppo-sition leaders. face up to the British people in a TV studio." Roy Hattersley said yesterkey Frankraiey said yester-day that the agreement of the prime minister's colleagues to go on television were making him look ridiculous. Paddy Ashdown said he was sur-prised that Mr Major "re-treets behind old presedents

Conservative campaigners, who concede that set-piece oratory does not show Mr Major at his best, see the "Meet John Major" shows as treats behind old precedents a way of playing to his strengths. established by people well

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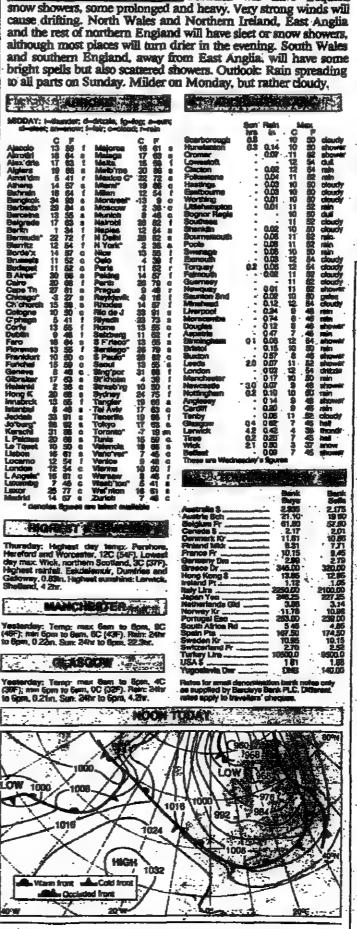
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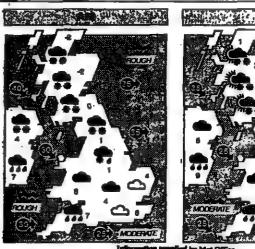
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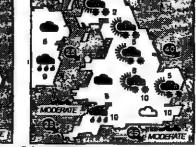
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BUSINESS EDITOR JOHN BELL



Profile

Peter Earl is on the way back with a new corporate finance venture after the failure of Tranwood Earl, his old vehide, last autumn. Once voted bachelor of the month by Cosmopolitan magazine, he retains the youthful en-thusiasm that prompted ill-fated bids for giants such as group, and Extel Page 19



Bank code

The code of banking practice comes into force next week. Banks now have to prove guilt in disputed ATM withdrawals, and obtain customers' permission before mailshotting them. Page 26

Easy rider

Changes in mileage allow ances and car tax mean employees offered company cars might do better to take cash in lieu and buy their own cars for use on company



Stock in trade

Investors in European stocks are looking forward to a good year. They forecast robust economic growth, hastened by the effects of German reunification and interest rate cuts in the second half. John Bennett, of Continental Assets Trust, is particulary keen on German prospects. Pund managers say a strong dollar will boost profits in many European companies doing business in America. Smaller companies should reap extra rewards from recovery...



Fees ignorance

Rules proposed by the Securities and Investments Board leave life assurance policyholders in ignorance about the amount lost in the carly years through commission fees

Money spinner

National Savings should raise more than El billion in the first nine months of the get. At £250,000, it has the highest investment limit of any NS bond........Page 21



Wait and see

Investors face four more weeks of uncertainty before the election. Some budget proposals have had to be postponed - to be ratified or thrown out depending on which party wins.... Page 21

Further falls for pound and shares

Markets slide on opinion poll worries

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

MOUNTING concern on the week is only 57.7. But selling pressure was again light, with the bulk of the \$55. about the outcome of the election pushed the pound million shares changing still lower against the mark and prompted currency analysis to forecast further falls before voters. deliver their verdict on € at the longer end.

April 9. By the official London close at 4pm, sterling had dropped to DM2.8543, down half a pfennig from its Thursday finish. The pound was at its weakest against the anchor currency of the European exchange-rate mechanism in almost two months and remained pinned to the bottom

of the parity grid. Despite regaining more than half a cent against the retreating dollar to \$1.7112. sterling remained at 89.7 on its trade-weighted index, its

Government securities and share prices suffered further verse opinion poll results for the Conservatives swept the

market in late trading.
The FT-SE 100 index ended just above its low for the day with a fall of 17.3 points to 2,476.0, despite a firm start to trading on Wall Street. That drop stretches its three-day deficit to almost.

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100 points, although the fall

hands between market-makers as they strove to cover open positions. Government securities registered falls of Dealers are worried that the Budget proposals will not-

be enough to swing the election in the government's famarkets will find themselves at the mercy of various opinion polls in the run up to April 9, resulting in violent

Paul Chertkow, chief currency strategist at Citicorp, said currency markets were becoming "increasingly bear-

ish" about the pound.

Although attention had started to focus on the political rather than economic pressures on the currency, he sterling would continue lower as the results of opinion polls

recommonness. . Mr Chertkow, who assumes a hung parliament to be the most likely election result, foresces sterling easing to DM2.83 by end-March, only to slip to DM2.80 after

of England intervention to try to halt sterling's slide. The firmer mark weakened the effective floor for sterling, enabling the pound to drift down within its ERM limits against the Spanish currency.

Avinash Persaud, chief currency analyst at UBS Phillips & Drew, said the peseta was certainly not holding back the pound. He thought it unlikely that the Bank would inter-vene overtly while sterling was suffering from political

After the weekend batch of opinion polls, the market opening in the Far East could be "rather scary", Mr Persaud said, noting that much of the acrive selling yesterday originated in the Far East.

 He doubted whether strong pressure on the pound would be maintained during the European trading day, arguing experiencing an "accelerating downturn".

He even detected some "nibbling" buy orders for sterling late yesternay.

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MICHAEL POWELS

Inmos factory to close with loss of 450 jobs

BY ROSS TIEMAN AND WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

vited SGS-Thomson to apply for grant aid to redevelop its Inmos computer chip factory in Newport, Gwent, after the Franco-Italian electronics company announced the plant would close with the loss of 450 jobs.

The invitation to apply for regional selective assistance was confirmed last night by the Welsh Office, which said it had promised to process any application "as quickly as possible". An Immos spokes-woman said the company had held high-level discus sions about aid for several months, but had received indications that a request for

aid would be rejected. SGS-Thomson has estimated the cost of refitting the plant with the necessary clear rooms and enginement to eich alicon chins to extremely fine million and \$100 million. The company proposes to transfer production to better

equipped plants in France, Italy and America, However, regional selective assistance, allowable under the European Commission aid regime, could be available up to the level necessary to allow the project to proceed. Closure of the Immos plant would provoke an outcry in South Wales, and destroy efforts to create a British champion in semi-conductor manufacture. The Inmos research and design centre at

THE Weish Office has invited SGS-Thomson to apply be made abroad unless the

Inmos was set up in 1978 on the initiative of the then Labour government by the National Enterprise Board, a state investment organisation. Its purpose was to ex-ploit the British invention of the transputer, the "computer-on-a-chip", to build a place for Britain in the growing mi-conductor industry.

The Conservative govern-ment sold Immos to Thorn EMI for £95 million in 1984. Commercial production of transputers began the follow-ing year and the devices found a ready market among manufacturers of specialist

But Thorn EMI failed to build Inmos into a worldscale company or to develop the strategic alliances that might have provided economies of scale. Immos was sold in 1989 to SGS-Thornson, a ioint venture between IRI/Finmeccanica, of Italy, and Thomson-CSF, o France, both state owned.

The Franco-Italian company has a 2.7 per cent share of the world chip market: too economies of scale and too big to be a niche producer. The Immos chips are regarded as its flagship. However, introduction of the new T9,000 transputer, due next year, requires manufacturing facilities capable of etching chips with much more precision than exists at Newport.

Lonrho sells Scots weeklies

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

LONRHO, the international trading conglomerate that has embarked on a series of non-core asset sales to re-duce debt in the wake of poor 1991 profits, is selling a stabie of 23 Scottish newspapers to Trinity International Holdings, the publisher, for

Tribity will buy Scottish and Universal Newspapers. thereby raising its ownership of newspapers in Britain and North America to 72 titles, of which 41 are paid for.

Lonrho said the saie of S&UN was part of its prom-ised "good house-keeping" programme, but added that its other newspaper interests, George Outram and Company, publishers of The (Glasgow) Herald and Evening Times and Scottish Farmer, were not affected by the deal Lonrho also owns The Observer, which is unaffected by the deal.

David Snedden, chief exec-

utive of Trinity, publisher of the Liverpool Post and Echo said the acquisition of S&UN, whose newspapers are mostly weeklies, would take Trinity into Scotland for the first time. Last month, Trinity backed away from an intended purchase of South-

ern Newspapers.
The purchase of SaUN is subject to an automatic reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

which could delay completion of the deal by up to five months. Trinity will pay Lourbo with funds to be raised through a £23.6 mil-lion rights issue and from its own cash holdings.

Paul Spicer, a deputy chairman of Lonrho, said that Loomo was "collectin in as much cash as possible in these uncertain economic times". He added: "So far we are doing rather well at this." Lourho shares yesterday fell by 19p to 95p. a seven-year low, after an unflattering credit rating was accorded the group's long-term debt by Moody's.

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Germany is not in recession — official

BY WOLFGANG MUNCHAU

GERMANY has not entered into recession after all, according to data released by the federal statistics office. The economy contracted in the third quarter of 1991 but has bounced back since.

The new data confound Norman Lamont's assertion in his Budget speech that the German recession is partly to blame for Britain's economic plight. The claim has raised evebrows in Bonn; the government has frequently given warning of a slowdown but eschewed the term recession. The federal statistics office

said gross domestic product rose 3.4 per cent in 1991. The GDP data show growth was 1.5 per cent in the first quarter, 0.5 per cent in the second,

minus 0.5 per cent in the third, and flat in the fourth. Wolfgang Strohm, chief economist at the office, excts a substantial rebound in the first quarter of 1992, helped by the mild winter.

The data should encourage the Bundesbank to continue its policy of high interest rates because the economy has proved more resilient to tight money than expected. . The statistics office has

switched the emphasis from gross national product to. GDP, in line with Britain. While the data still signal a slowdown, they do not show Germany in recession, even on the narrow definition.

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BP fights for boy-next-door image

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

THE cuddly boy-next-door image of the star of British Petroleum's American television commercials looks set to be tested by a new film in which he stars as a psychopathic child kidnapper trying to extort money from parents. News that Los Angeles movie distribution executives

have been viewing the latest movie of Gary Burghoff who played Radar, the loveable vulnerable character in M*A*S*H, the television series - has sent BP scurrying to investigate it. buy one brand of petrol over

For five years, Mr Burghoff has appeared in the oil giant's American commercials extolling the virtues of buying BP petrol above all others. When he signed the contract, which is renewed annually, BP said he was chosen because he

Burghoff: plays killer represented the kind of neighbourhood image that can persuade America's motorists to

The film. Small Kill, includes Jason Miller, The Exorcist star. Reports by people: Burghoff's character makes ers by kidnapping children Hannibal Lecter, the killer in and holding them to ransom.

like a boy scout. BP has tried to play down the film. Nancy Heinen, manager for advertising and public affairs, said: "This is a home movie he made with his cousin. It is very amateur.

There are zero drugs in the entire movie and there are no plans for airing it." But Robert Crystal, Mr Burghoff's agent, said from Los Angeles: This a \$1 million film funded by independent backers and is currently being shown to potential dis-

tributors. There is a chance it

could go on to the cable television station Showtime." Mr Crystal denied suggestions that Mr. Burghoff played a cocaine addict but said: "In the film, he's trying to raise money to become the claiming to have seen it, say man who controls drug push-

Silence of the Lambs, look I don't think any of the BP people have seen it yet. Gary is basically stretching himself as an actor, which does not breach his contract with BP."

Ms Heinen said: "Our contract with Gary does not allow him to work for any other oil company. While we do not follow Gary's personal life, we do have a keen interest in his reputation."

She declined to say how much BP had paid Mr Burghoff for his part in Project Horizon, a BP image-buildine campaigo.

Project Horizon featured a \$1 million advertisement shot by Steven Spielberg, the EF director, who hoisted a skyblue painted BP petrol station into the "clouds" as 165 singers dressed as "gas pump jockeys" sang the oil giant's praises. Ms Heinen said at the time: "Gary's a neighbourhood kind of guy."

Headway blames the weather

Poor weather and the recession are blamed for increased interim losses at Headway. the garden furniture and industrial goods specialist formerly known as Beaverco. However, Denis Cassidy, the chairman, who joined the group last year and is a former head of BhS, sounded an upbeat note on prospects, with a "satisfactory" full-year outcome expected. He said: "We would expect the yearend numbers to be in the

Pre-tax losses deepened to £795,000 in the six months to end-December, against last time's £393,000, on turnover down from £12.2 million to £11.1 million. The loss per share increased to 4.2p, against a loss of 2.8p. Again, there is no interim dividend. but the company is confident of at least maintaining the final dividend.

Borrowings have been reduced with interest payments down to £319.000 (£504,000). Gearing stood at about 40 per cent, although Mr Cassidy expects it to fall to about 20 per cent by the yearend. A gain on a property disposal led to an exceptional gain of £285,000.

Johnson buys

Johnson Matthey has bought control of Svenska Emissionsteknik, a Swedish specialist in diesel pollution control, for £2.17 million. JM's investment in the company during the next three years is likely to be about £10 million.

Kerry ahead

Kerry Group of Ireland lifted pre-tax profits 25.3 per cent to £24.1 million (£22.5 mil-lion) last year. The final dividend is 1.4p (1.39p), making 2.15p (2.1p).

Costain move

Costain Group has refinanced its coal operations in America and Australia by raising \$160 million to repay an American loan and A\$120 million (£53 million) for Australian facilities.

Walker falls

Thomas Walker, the manufacturer of metal fasteners for the clothing industry, reported a slump in interim pre-tax profits from £36,700 to £2,600. The dividend was maintained at 0.18p.

Tokyo agrees fiscal boost to prevent slowdown

BY COLIN NARBROUGH **ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT**

THE lower house of the Japanese parliament has finally approved a Y72,000 billion (£314 billion) budget, intended to boost the economy by raising and accelerating spending on public works. Tokyo's moves to prevent

further slowdown coincide with fresh signs of recovery in America. A revision of official data shows Germany, Europe's economic powerhouse, has escaped recession

Approval of the budget followed weeks of wrangling to secure the necessary political compromises. The opposition boycotted some of the proceedings, despite the increasing clamour for measures to prevent the economy from slowing further. Unlike other legislation, the budget only needs the approval of the lower house. The budget increases spending on public works by 4.5 per cent to Y8.200 billion.

But the success enjoyed by Kiichi Miyazawa, the beleaguered prime minister, in securing approval of his fiscal boost for the financial year starting in April is unlikely to be accompanied by the early monetary easing he has sought. Yasushi Mieno, gov-ernor of the Bank of Japan, has resisted pressure for an interest rate cut, despite the continued slowdown outlined in the bank's latest report. Mr Mieno received backing from Hiroshi Yasuda, the

GIEVES, the publishing and

clothing group that owns the

Gieves & Hawkes menswear

business in Savile Row, gave

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The company, which lost

£428,000 before tax at the

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for the year to January 31.



Watanabe, foreign minister, wins the budget battle in Japan's lower house

deputy finance minister, who er savings reflect the slower said he saw no immediate need to ease credit. He said long and short-term prime rates had fallen enough to reflect last year's three cuts in the official discount rate and the ministry was still monitor-

ing the effects. Bank of Japan figures showed that personal savings rose only 6.5 per cent, a record low, last year - the second year running of poor savings growth. In 1990, savings rose 7.7 per cent. Weak-

extra finance would be sought

to cover seasonal trading

needs. The shares rose from

374p to 40p; a year ago they

Plans to dispose of non-core

businesses have taken a step

forward with the sale of Red-

wood Press, a book, catalogue

and magazine manufacturer

to Bath Press, a privately-

. The main consideration is

18 per cent of Bath Press's enlarged share capital, val-

owned book manufacturer.

stood at 100p.

ued at £700,000.

economic growth and declining affluence

In America, official figures showing a modest 0.2 per cent rise in wholesale prices in February were greeted as a sign that inflation was still well under control, despite growing evidence of an economic upturn. A decline in energy prices helped offset the biggest surge in food costs for two years.

The February increase in the producer prices index was the first monthly gain for three months, but was smaller than expected. In January, the index dropped 0.3 per cent after a December fail of 0.1 per cent. Wholesale food prices soared 1.1 per cent in February, after falling for the previous nine months.

Although the 0.2 per cent February rise in overall prices was the biggest since October, wholesale inflation was still declining an annual 0.5 per cent in the first two months of this year.

Revion flotation could value company at \$3bn

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON IN NEW YORK

REVLON Inc. America's largest cosmetics group after Avon, is studying plans for a stock market flotation later this year which could value the group at \$3 billion.

Although the beauty products company headed and owned by Ronald Pereiman, the former corporate raider. has not confirmed the timing, five of Wall Street's biggest stockbroking names are pitching for the business. Mr Pereiman has been under acute pressure to pare \$2 billion of debts. He raised \$1.14 billion almost a year ago selling assets, but analysts say he still faces heavy repayments of bank debts during the next two years.

Mr Perelman is expected to offer between 15 per cent and 18 per cent to the public within four months to raise between \$400 million and \$600 million. In the running for the offer are Merrill Lynch, Lehman Brothers, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and CS First Boston.

Shares in Lex dive on loss of Volvo

BY MARTIN WALLER

SHARES in Lex Service. Britain's second-biggest motor distributor, plunged 31p to 204p after the group announced the surprise loss of the crucial Volvo concession after 33 years of importing the Swedish cars.

Lex also unveiled disastrous 1991 figures, showing pretax profits virtually wiped out at £500,000 against £9.1 million because of "appailing conditions" in the British motor industry in the year to end-December.
A final dividend of 6p

means a total cut to 10p from 15.3p. Sir Trevor Chinn, the chairman, said the payment was justified despite after-tax iosses of 3.2p a share by hopes of improved perfor-mance in 1992. The first two months of this year had showed a significant improvement in profits, he said.

Lex was putting a brave face on the termination of the franchise four years ahead of time, saying it was in the interests of both parties. It will receive £20 million in cash and a further £80 million in guaranteed, non-interest bearing loan notes payable at the start of 1993, 1994 and 1995. Volvo will also pay £20 million for

various related properties. Sir Trevor said: "Volvo came to the conclusion that it wanted to change its relation-ship with Lex. I think it would have been very difficult for us to work together in that manner for the next four years. There would have been tension created, naturally, and we might have actually realised a lot less from the concession than we do this way. We have parted on the

most amicable terms." Lex expects to realise the value of the loan notes immediately by trading them on and taking a discount to their face value. The money will be reinvested in the car distribution business

Sir Trevor said: "Lex is currently pursuing specific developments in car retailing and car and fork-truck leasing. It is also exploring other vehicle import franchises and other possibilities for expanding its car retailing opera-tions and its car and truck leasing interests."

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Construction output fell 9% last year

TOTAL output of the construction industry showed a 1 per cent fall in the final quarter of last year compared with the final quarter of 1990, according to the environment department. Total output in the sector, one of the worst affected by the recession, fell 9 per cent for the whole of last year. The seasonally adjusted data, at constant 1985 prices, showed that total new work was unchanged between the third and fourth quarters. New work was 6 per cent down on 1990's final quarter.

Repair and maintenance showed a 23 per cent quarter-onquarter drop and a 13 per cent annual decline. Despite government efforts, new private housing work was un-changed between the latest quarters, showing an annual fall of 13 per cent. New work in public housing, which has benefited from government schemes, was 17 per cent ahead quarter-on-quarter and 7 per cent up on the previous year.

Cakebread resignation

CHRISTOPHER Bostock has resigned as chairman of Cakebread Robey, the builders' merchant that yesterday gave warning of losses of more than £1.3 million, before tax and extraordinary items, for last year. He is succeeded by Martin Earle. Cakebread's A shares fell from 45p to 25p. Trading was "substantially worse" than envisaged at the interim stage. Manufacturing activities were affected by a shortage of orders and losses on large contracts. Pre-tax profits in 1990 were £282,000.

Dividend cancelled

CLARKE Hooper, the marketing services group, has cancelled its interim dividend after trading in the second half slumped. The company said it would incur significant pre-tax losses for the year to end-April and said it was no longer prudent to pay an interim dividend of 1.7p a share, which was declared on January 28. The cancellation saves £366,000. Barry Clarke, chairman, who holds almost 9 per cent of the company, steps down as chief executive. He is succeeded by Alan Penson, finance director.

Global pegs payout

GIOBAL Group, the port services and food company, is paying an unchanged dividend for 1991 despite a profits fall to £2.04 million (£5.01 million). A maintained final dividend of 0.3p a share holds the total at 0.5p, which is payable from earnings of 1.25p a share (3.11p). The shares fell 2p to 8p. Earnings were affected by the absence of property profits. which in 1990 totalled £1.62 million. The company said the outcome of a public inquiry into plans for a business park in Goole. Humberside, would significantly affect asset value.

Allied Radio's deficit

ALLIED Radio, created last September when County Sound and Radio Mercury merged with Third Mile Investment reports a loss for the year to end-December, although the figure only reflects the old Third Mile Investment. Pre-tax losses were £1.57 million, against a deficit of £2.74 million. There was an overall trading profit of £66.000, against a loss of £484.000. A write-down in the value of the remaining non-radio investment portfolio led to an exceptional loss of £764.000. The loss per share is 23.8p (loss of 83.4p).

Forward cuts losses

FORWARD Technology Industries, the ultrasonic cleaning and video duplication company, announced reduced pre-tax losses of £872,000 (£2.3 million loss) for the year to end-December. Both figures were struck after exceptional reorganisation costs. Losses before exceptional items fell 37 per cent to £619,000. Again there is no dividend. Profitability in the electronics division improved £1.3 million to £600,000.

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Gieves gives warning

of threadbare results

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BUSINESS PROFILE: Peter Earl

Signing on for a marathon haul back

Carol Leonard finds a man whose

firm went under on a technicality is hoping to save others from the same fate

anybody in the Square Mile. an expression of instant recognition would almost certainly flash across their face.

Ask them why they know of him, and their response might not be so immediate. Those with longer memories would cite his audacious — and unsuccessful — bids for Storehouse, the Mothercare and BHS group and Extel. They might extractly though to were! might struggle, though, to recall the name of his corporate finance boutique, Ifincorp Earl, which became Tranwood Earl, and then followed the Secretary of the second them

failed last September.
In the late Eighties, at the tail end of the Thatcher era, when absolutely anything was possible,

riding high. Young - he is still only 37 years - as an Oxford undergraduate he was voted month by Cosmopolitan magazine - it was perhaps hardly surprising

he was depicted as a "City wheeler dealer" in the tabloids. Photographs of him, his wife Emma and their two children, in the comfort of their Oxfordshire weekend retreat, stared out from colour supplements. They had an enviable-lifestyle: a second house in Chelsea and use of an Italian vineyard,

owned by Tranwood, for family holidays. In 1988, Earl's 13 million Tranwood shares were worth more than £7 million and, so confident was he, he borrowed £1.4 million to buy 7 per cent more.

The copy with those phot graphs would variously describing as a "Hoorsy Henry" or "supple corporate thus". He was The copy with those photographs would variously describe him as a "Hooray Henry" or a "yuppie corporate thug". He was at one stage criticised in the qualities for being "instruction." qualities for being "incapable of making two corporate steps in a straight line." Earl likened himself

to T. Boone Pickens, the Texan oil millionaire and legendary cor-porate raider. In one deal, the purchase and resale of Elstree film studios to George Walker, he made £12 million profit. That lifestyle must seem like a distant memory in the Earl household. The Chelsea house has gone, as

f you mentioned the name has the Tuscan vineyard, and the Peter Earl to just about weekend retreat has become their family home. The two children. Amelia, aged seven, and Richard. aged five, attend local Oxfordshire schools and, from September to December last year, Earl had to

an awful lot less trusting now. A lot of people did not do things they said they would do and did not pay money they said they would pay."

He has always had strong per-sonal views about decency, honesty and integrity. Rather than a fly-by-night yuppie, as is his popular image, he is

tall, gangly and an intelligent, 'In one deal, serious and at buying then rimes rather earnest young man. Friends expected him to become a selling Elstree studios, he journalist or polimade a profit financier. It would be of £12 million' wrong, however,

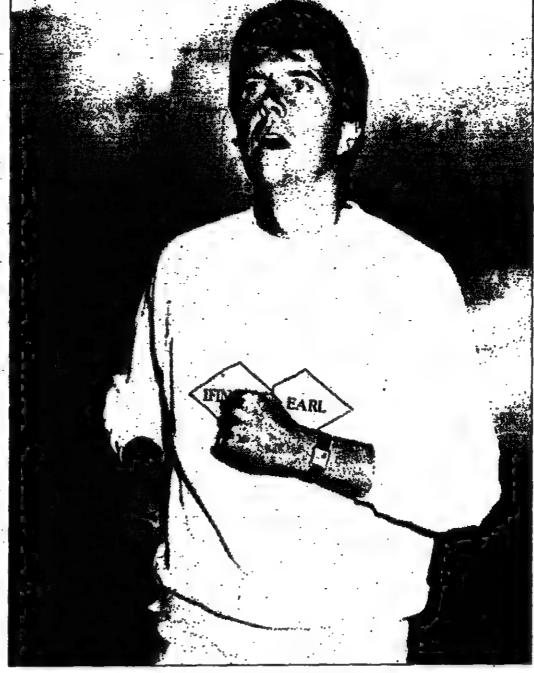
> Earl is either bitter or broken by recent experiences. Far from it. He has faced personal bankruptcy, is likely to be spared by a decision by his personal bankers to write off his debts from that £1.4 million loan, and is now planning his comeback. Nothing, it seems, can

to conclude that

restrain him for long.
Charles Mead, a director of Sotheby's, and a friend since Oxford, says enthusiasm is the word that best describes him. Various labels have been stuck on Peter and a lot are unfair." he says. "He is an enthusiast and his Achilles heel is that he sometimes gets carried away. He is never impulsive though, nor has he ever been a playboy. He suffered from looking ten years younger than he was, but has aged in the past 18 months and looks his age now."

"It has been a tough 18 months," says Earl. "From September 1997.

tember 1990 we had been battling to restructure Tranwood. It's like the final 23 miles of a marathon the going gets a bit rough. I now feel as if I have just crossed the line. But I, don't yet know whether I have been disqualified." Within



Only 23, miles to go: Peter Earl reacted to stress by shaping up through running and rock climbing

the next month or two he hopes to have resolved his position with his bankers — "My personal lenders have been terrific but I have fought every inch of the way" and to have made a fresh start with a corporate finance venture in New York. He will not disclose its name but says it was a company he put into Chapter II eighteen months ago and is now in the

process of retrieving.
"It's a form of financial advisory but until it is all signed I cannot re-

veal the name," he says. The intention is for the old Tranwood corporate finance team to run the new venture, but Earl says it will not entail a move to America. "I am as at home there as in London but I would not want to move the family there. We are very happy here, we are English. It will mean a lot of commuting for me."

That trans-Atlantic commute is already under way. Earl has been travelling to and fro regularly, in an attempt to close the deal, with

the US bankruptcy courts paying. "Branson's £199 transatlantic fare has made it all possible," he says. It has also familiarised him with American bankruptcy law. So much so that he intends to lobby the big British law and insolvency firms, to try to introduce a Chapter 11 procedure here. He has persuaded a group of senior Ameri-

can insolvency experts to come over to assist him in his cause. "Chapter 11 would have saved two-thirds of the companies that have gone down here" he says.
"But the trouble is no one here understands how it works, so we will be lobbying the large law firms and a couple of big insolvency practices, who are saying that things have got to change, insolvency law here has the reverse effect of Chapter 11. It forces directors to pull the plug when it should not happen." He believes if a process similar to Chapter 11 had been available in Britain, Tranwood Earl - at its peak Britzin's fifth largest venture capital group — would still be viable. "It would have been in and out of Chapter 11 in 24 hours. The US courts would have forced the banks to agree. Everybody would

have saved their money." Tranwood went into administrative receivership in Sequember when Dresdner, one of its five banks, refused to reschedule its debts even though the other lenders, all British, were supportive. "Tranwood is still in administration and I do not think it will come boule, go on tabless or just out, although the

receiver may do something with the shell. The ina good deal for vestment portfolio is very slowly a client is being liquidated. It's terribly unfortunate. I like winning a good race Bank acted in a short term view. We did not need - satisfaction' new money, we were great at gen-

erating income.

We simply needed to be able to wrong, you fall off." Analogies show our borrowing facilities were could be drawn here with his longer than 12 months so that our auditors could sign off our accounts. In short. Tranwood went down because the investment portfolio was mismatched against the timing of the borrowing. The music stopped and the chairs were in the wrong order. And we were left without a chair altogether."

As Earl came to terms with Tranwood's collapse, he considered returning to Oxford to do a doctorate in Greek and ancient history. He even contemplated finding a regular job, but he could never become a regular employee. Even as a schoolboy, at a convent - he is a devout Catholic - and then at the City of London School, he would end up running anything in which he was involved. "My parents say I was always the team leader — lead in the school play, head of debating team, that kind of thing." The deciding factor was a deep-

seated desire not to "throw in the towel. I wanted to see if I could keep the team and the clients sporting analogies and views business as if it were a game, but one to

be played by the rules.
"I am very determined and some people mistake that for horrible ambition which is wrong. I have never been hungry for success. To me closing a good deal for a client is like winning a good race. It gives me tremendous satisfaction." He likes to win but likes the race to have been fair and challenging. Whatever it is he needs to prove, he needs to prove to himself and not the world at large. "It's about staying power. You either have it or you don't"

Typically, Earl coped with the stress of Tranwood's collapse by improving his physical fitness. A veteran of five marathons, he com-pleted the London Marathon in 3hrs 20 mins last year and hopes to better three hours this year. "That shows how bad a year it has been," says Earl. "I have seen

wilt. I have done more running in-'To me, closing stead. That's when I think with no disturbances, no telephones and I solve a lot of problems." Per-haps as a further testament to his trials, he has also taken up rock climbing. "It

career. "Last weekend, I was climbing in North Wales. I was faced with a difficult move, one I hadn't done before and the rocks were wet. I was petrified, 330 ft up with a big drop, but I forced myself to do it. Now I know it can be done. You have to trust the system. Yes, I still trust the system."

After graduating from Oxford. Earl won a Kennedy scholarship to Harvard, and became a member of the Harvard rowing team, trained by a former US olympic coach. "He taught me a lot. He said always row the first threequarters of the race as if you are down and losing, then you win the last quarter coming from behind. Most UK teams, if they are down at half way, think that is it. It's like doing a takeover. It's how you do on day 60 that matters, not day 42." It could of course be argued that Earl, at the comparatively youthful age of 37, has not yet entered his linal quarter. He could yet win the race coming from behind.

WEEK ENDING | Matthew Bond

Looking on the lighter side of Budget life

NOTHING is certain, the Changellor intoned some 50 minutes into his Budget speech, except debt and taxes. At least I'm pretty sure that is what he said. Given the context, it certainly sounds right.

I could, I suppose, be mistaken. Colleagues tell me I have not had the best of weeks on the aural acuity front. But they have yet to convince me that the prime minister did not stand on the steps of Number 10, hotfooted from his midday meeting with the Queen, and say: "I am not all confident that we will win the election". Again, given the context, not to mention the opinion polls, it sounds about right. "Utterly confi-dent" sounds, well, utterly

But back to Mr Lamont, who having voiced his convic-tion vis à vis debt and taxes ran immediately into further confusion as he continued with his Budget monologue. "For some people the latter can help pay the former," he continued, at least he did from where I was listening.

His remark was greeted with polite laughter by the packed House of Commons, albeit rather nervous laughter from one side. After all, only a few minutes earlier Mr Lamont had informed the country he would be borrow ing the small matter of £28 billion in the forthcoming year. Surely it was a bit off to remind everyone how such debts were paid for. It had to be a joke, didn't it?

Mr Lamont breathed in deeply, as 367 brave smiles waited for his wallet-swelling punch line. "I propose to abolish the duty charged on matches and mechanical lighters," he said triumphantly. From 367 open mouths came a veritable gale of expelled air, as the realisation sank in that as giveaway budgets go, this one had just

about gone.
On the Opposition frontbench, Mr Kinnock enthusiastically underlined borrowing for tax cuts" in his response speech and

made a mental note to point out that now was definitely, certainly and indubitably not the time to knock 50p off the cost of a lighter. Indeed, given the sort of PSBR he and John Smith had planned, now was not the time to knock 50p off the price of anything. Mr Kinnock made a second mental note to keep that to himself.

Lighters apart, outside observers were pozzled by various elements of Mr Lamout's oration. How was it, for example, that the government was proposing to borrow £28 billion, when the whole basis of its faith that economic re-covery is nigh is that the credit-shocked, wallet-



son boom are close to paying off their mountainous debts and may soon be strong enough to venture into a

And how was it that despite the pain and apparent permanence of this recession, the Chancellor was forecasting inflation would only fall to 3.75 per cent by the end of the year when Germany - where inflation is presently higher and interest rates are lower - is still expected to reduce its inflation rate to 2.5 per cent? But enough of pre-electoral public-sector wage rises and post-privatisation price rises. Certainly Mr Lamont had

trifles, unless, of course, you include the new 20p tax band in that category.

Told that the peasants, or

at least the electorate, were showing dangerous sign of revolt, he responded with a haughty: "Well let them buy cars" or, failing that. "Let them inherit the odd farm or

era" response is not altogeth-er surprising, given events at Santchi & Santchi, the adverfising agency that is once again loyally serving the Con-servative cause and has already given the world Vaturan!, tax bombshells and the dreaded double whatrit. Charles Saatchi, the agen-cy's creative force, marked

the possible end of 13 years of Conservative rule with a new exhibition of contemporary art, with pride of place given to a rotting cow's head being consumed by maggots. Love the imagery, Charles. Not to be outdone, the holding company that bears his name created its own nonument to the Thatcher

years by reporting a pre-tax loss of more than £62 mil-lion. Saatchi's new boss; Robert Louis-Dreyfus, is hoping to stem any loss of disenchanted staff by introducing a novel incentive scheme, whereby executives will be rewarded for success, but will not actually receive their bonuses for another three years. M Louis-Dreyfus would not comment on whether the inspiration for his delayed borms scheme was the Conservative party elec-

tion strategy.

Saucti is confident that this year's figures will not include an exceptional monument to the Major 15 months, but much depends on the events of the next three and a half weeks. The omens are, to say the least, mixed; it is far from clear whether the 100-point fall in the stock market index reflects City worries that the Labour party could win a first term of office or that the Conservatives might land a

Porsche steers into trouble

BY WOLFGANG MUNCHAU BUROPEAN BUILDINGS

PORSCHE, the German luxury carmaker, continued to suffer from the worldwide economic downturn as pre-tax profits sank from DM65 million to only DM2 million in the six months to January.

The siump in profits has raised again the questions of the company's future and independence. In Washington, Edzard Reuter, chairman of the management board of Daimler-Benz, said that Porsche should remain independent but added the

proviso "given good management".

That point was the subject of intense debate after the supervisory board of Porsche refused and then, after pressure, agreed to renew the contract of Arno Bohn, the management board chairman at Porsche.

Daimler-Benz, among others, has been tipped as a potential bidder for Porsche, should the company not be able to escape its difficulties. Herr Bohn said in Stutt-gart: "We expect a clear decline in sales in the current business year compared with the previous year but still

positive earnings."
Porsche's sales during the period dropped 23 per cent to DM1.13 billion, with domestic sales constant. Foreign sales were down 36 per cent to DM606 million:



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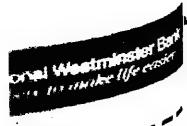
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Lex profit motor starved of fuel

Lex Service, after yesterday's bombshell from Volvo, is that a company which three years ago was the shape of the business making £70 million pre-tax a year could henceforth the record, despite signs of comfortably be run by a couple of car salesmen and

a corporate treasurer. Lex was putting a brave face on the loss of the Volvo concession, but that business, to be terminated with brutal swiftness in two weeks, contributed £13 million out of a total of £16.2 million operating profit in

The operating profit was wiped out by interest charges, leaving pre-tax proits of just £500,000 against £9.1 million. After an exceptional tax bill of £3 million from the leasing joint venture, the bad news continued below the line, with an £18.7 million extraordinary loss from a writedown of Lex's investment in Arrow Electronics of America, now the owner of its European and American electronics businesses. Lex has toughed it out with

third, leaving a £33.9 million retained loss. It is kinder to concentrate on post-Volvo than to dwell on a profit upturn since the year-end.

The group has wrested a £120 million compensation payment from Volvo, generous given that the Swedes could simply have run the business into the ground over the remaining four years of the concession. Once the dust has settled, Lex will be left with a £70 million cash pile, 54 car dealerships and a raft of partly-owned businesses, along with an urgent need to buy further franchises while the market remains

in the doldrums. Rob Golding of Warburg Securities expects £25 million pre-tax this year. This would put the shares on a forward multiple of 11.3, hardly tempting when there are cheaper and more established businesses in the sector offering better

Trinity International

TRINITY International Holdings, which backed away from bidding for Southern Newspapers in February, when the share price ran ahead of the game, has not waited long to fulfil its ambition to expand its newspaper empire.

Lonrho, the international conglomerate anxious to reduce debt, is willingly selfing Scottish and Universal Newspapers to Trinity for £45 million.

The deal brings 23 paidfor and free newspapers, and takes Trinity, which has regional and local newspapers in Britain and North America, into Scotland for the first time. Funding will be vin a one-for-five rights issue at 215p to raise £23 million, comemented by £27.4 million that Trinity received from the sale of its paper and packaging division.

Trinity's lower pre-tax profits in the year to end-December, at £13.3 million (£18.2 million), reflect competitive conditions at home and even tougher trading in North America. The final dividend rises to 5.8p (5.4p), making 8.4p (8p) for

The automatic reference to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission may delay completion for up to five months, but assuming a six months' profits contri-bution in 1992, Trinity

could report pre-tax profits of £16 million this year. Mercury Asset Manage-ment and Conrad Black, of The Daily Telegraph, are significant holders of Trinity's ordinary, but limited voting, shares which were unchanged at 270p yester-day. On an ex-rights price of 261p they trade at 15.5 times prospective earnings. Trinity's ambitions are not satisfied yet.

STOCK MARKET

Shares take turn for the worse in late trading

STERLING, government securities and share prices all fell sharply in late trading as whispers began circulating in the Square Mile that a poll to be published over the weekend will show Labour increasing its lead over the Conservatives by up to 6 per cent.

The decision by the Chancellor to raise the target for the Public Sector Borrowing Requirement to £28 billion in the Budget has crushed remaining hopes of an interest rate cut and focused investors' attention on the election.

Dealers say financial markets will be at the mercy of opinion polls in the next few weeks; that is likely to lead to further price volatility. The weaker pound unset-

tled government securities, which suffered losses of £12 at the longer end.

The equity market, which had shown signs of steadying after the losses of the previous couple of days, suddenly went into reverse in late trading. Share prices closed near the bottom under the influence of the financial futures market, The FT-SE 100 index ended 17.3 down at 2,476.0, making a three-day fall of 98.8. The loss on the week is 57.1.

Lourho, the international trading group headed by Ro-land "Tiny" Rowland, dipped below the pound level with a fall of 19p to 95p, a sevenyear low. The group has been given an unflattering rating by Moody's, the American rating firm, for its long-term

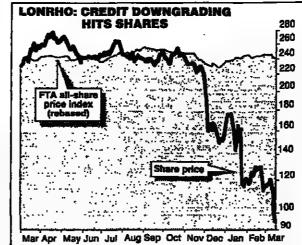
Worries about the possibility of renationalisation after a Labour election victory continued to depress the share performance of privatised companies. BT fell 9p to

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318p. Associated British Power fell 4p at 204p and Ports 5p to 343p, BAA 8p to 546p, British Airways 4p to PowerGen 5p to 214p; Scottish Power and Scottish Hy-259p, Amersham Interna-tional 6p to 419p, Rolls-Royce 4p to 144p, and Brit-ish Gas 1p to 249p. dro shed Ip apiece, the former to 98 pp, the latter to

Electricity distributors also came under increased pressure. Eastern fell by 3p to 237p. East Midland 4p to 248p, London 3p to 267p,

101 2p.
There was further misery for shareholders of MTM, the specialist chemicals group, which fell a further 18p to a new low of 70p as analysts continued to downgrade their

Credit Lyonnais Laing has followed BZW by issuing a sell note on Standard Chartered Bank after full-year figures earlier this week. Laing expects the bank's pre-tax profits for the next two years virtually to mark time, forecasting £310 million for 1992 and £320 million for 1993. The broker says the share price, off 3p at 443p yesterday, is too high.

Manweb 4p to 310p. Mid-land 5p to 256p. Northern 3p to 258p. Seeboard 3p to 264p. Southern 4p to 250p and Yorkshire 1p to 304p. The electricity package re-mained weak, falling £12 to £2,638.

The power generators, al-ready under a cloud after calls for reform of the industry, lost further ground. National

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forecasts in the wake of two profit warnings in as many weeks. Earlier this month, the

shares were changing hands

The group says it is likely to suffer substantial writedowns as a result of a dispute with its auditors about

proved short-lived at Lex Service, the Volvo motor distributor. The shares tumbled 31 p to 204p after the group revealed that its exclusive import agreement with Volvo had been terminated after 33 years. Lex will receive £100 million in cash and loan notes for the loss of the contract.

Clarke-Hooper, the USMquoted marketing group, tumbled 25p to 11p after warning that it would trade at a loss in the current year and had cancelled plans for an interim payout. The group said the expected pick-up in client spending had failed to materialise since the interim figures were announced in

First time dealings in Avonside, a housebuilder, started sluggishly and required further support from the institutions to make up the lost ground. The shares opened at 95p and finished the session at 102p, 4p below the placing price.
The insurance sector was

iffered nervous mark-downs after further consideration of resuits announcements, which produced increased losses and some dividend cuts. Among the composites, Commercial Union fell 15p to 412p. General Accident 19p to 418p. Guardian Roy-

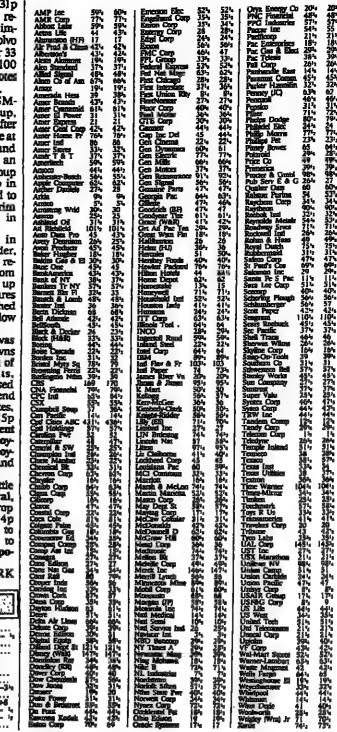
al Exchange 2p to 114p, Royal Insurance 4p to 184p, and Sun Alliance 7p to 260p. Life companies fared little better. Legal & General which reported a sharp drop in profits on Thursday, fell 4p to 363p, Britannie 7p to 847p, Lloyds Abbey 2p to 371p, and Prudential Corporation 2n to 270p.

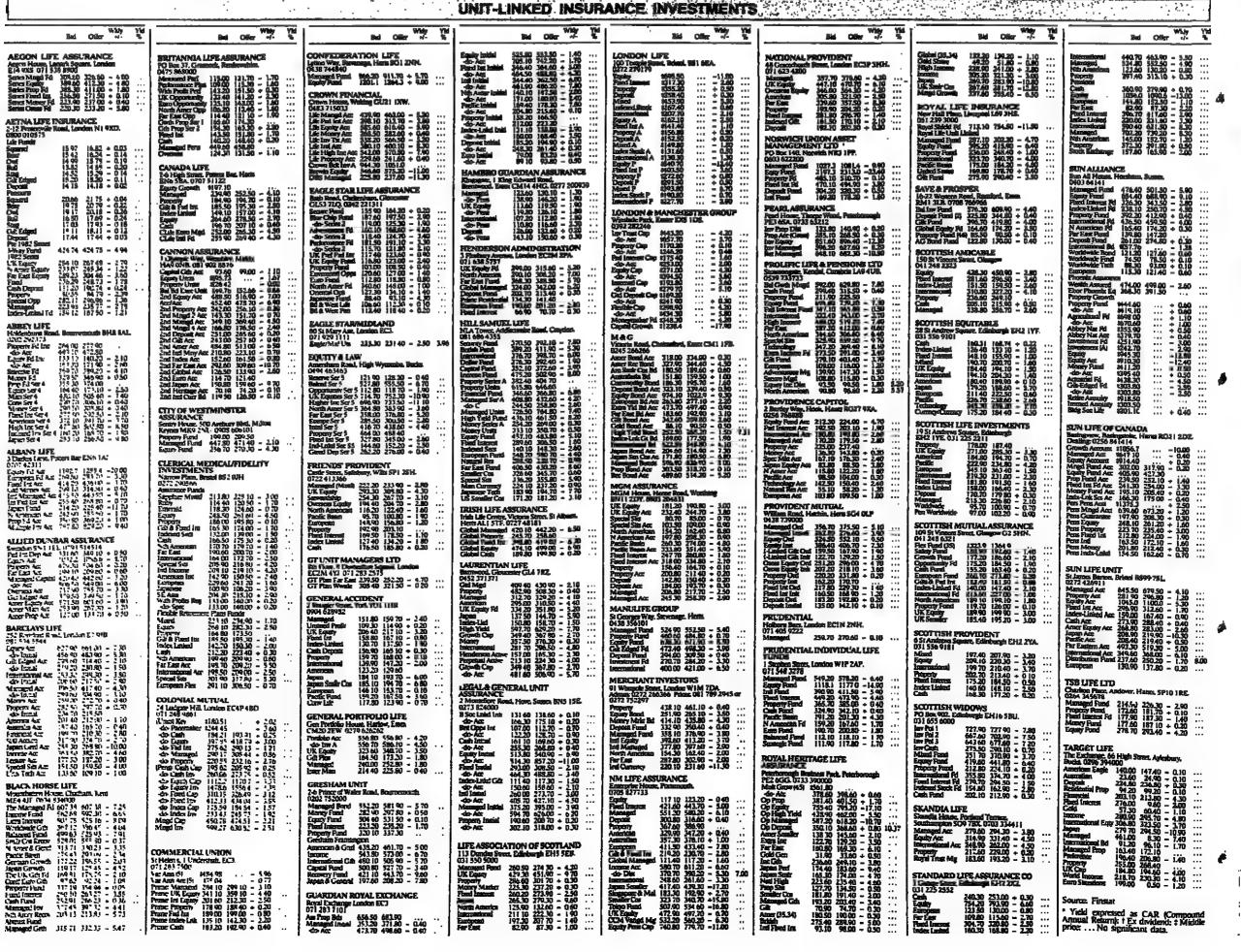
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WALLSTREET Bond fillip for equities

New York - Shares saw solid Jones industrial average rose 17 points to 3,225.63 in the early gains, boosted by futures-linked buying. Dealers said buoyancy stemmed from

☐ Tokyo — Stocks ended easa lower than expected 0.2 per ier but well off lows. The Nikkei average closed down cent rise in factory gate prices 105.82 points, or 0.51 per in February and consequent cent, at 20.456.06. (Reuter) strength in bonds. The Dow





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A charter for card tricks

WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

B anks and building societies expect disputed transactions from cash dispensers to rise soon after the introduction of the banking code on Monday which makes sure customers are not liable for losses above £50 unless

they are negligent.
Some have even dubbed the code a fraudster's charter. They suggest privately many customers will make one withdrawal or even a series of them from cash dispensers and then deny all knowledge of the transactions. They would then be in profit even with the first £50 charged to the customer. Such conversations show how much some bankers like and trust their customers.

Any increase may not necessarily have anything to do with the dishonesty of customers but could have more to do with the security of personal identification numbers. Cardholders are told to memorise their number and immediately destroy the notification.

Unfortunately for large numbers of Abbey National customers they could wall have

mers, they could well have

forgotten the number again by the time they get their cards unless

they have good memories.

The bank has been sending out invitations to customers to take up its multi-function card to replace their existing cheque guarantee cards and cash dispenser cards and to use it as a debit card. Numbers are being sent up to 10 days before the letters telling customers that the new card is waiting at their branch for their collection and will be there for up to 90 days.

Those of a nervous disposition have suspected the card has been intercepted and might even worry that someone is making use of it unless they telephone the customer services number sent with the application for the card.

Then they would be told that the bank had been swamped with applications and that their local branch will send them a letter in

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due course telling them the new card is waiting.

It could easily take two weeks between getting the number, memorising it and getting to collect the card for customers whose branch is near their home if they need to set off to work before 9am and do not return until after 5 pm. In the meantime they will continue to use their old cash dispenser card with its old number and may forget the new one. Or worse still, fearful that they will forget the number, they could leave the notification lying around or in their wallet until they

collect the card. This is hardly conducive towards training customers to learn their numbers and keep nothing that could assist thieves. If, as the banks and building societies maintain, most disputed withdrawals are by members of the family or close associates then a delay between number arriving at home and card arriving at branch gives more opportunity for such people to learn the number.

Abbey National says about half those people who were invited to apply for cards have done so and that the difficulty does not lie with

NATIONAL Savings is set to raise more than £1 billion in the first nine months of its

new savings bond, which was

announced in the Budget.
While an interest rate has
yet to be fixed for the one-

year guaranteed bond that will be launched in the sum-mer, building societies and banks are already looking at ways they can compete.

The new bond will have the

largest investment limit, £250,000, of any National Savings product. For the first

time, the department is tar-geting basic rate taxpayers,

who are likely to have their money tucked away in build-ing society and bank ac-

National Savings, which contributed £1.4 billion to

government funding last

year, has been set a target of E3 billion for the coming fi-nancial year. Most of the ex-

tra money is expected to come from the new bond, which will be paid with basic

their estimates of take up but with getting enough cards produced. This is now resolved; the delays

would soon be reduced to two days between number arriving and letter saying the card is waiting. Anyone worried should change their personal identification number immediately, says the bank. That is, of course, if they can remember the new number. When they get round to using it as a debit card, they also have to remember the special code word they gave on the application form a month or more before they got the card.

Taking a stand

Resigning on a point of principle is difficult to do if you care about righting the wrong. That was the situation Tim Miller, marketing director of M&G found himself in this week

when he saw the "mish mash" of information that investors would be given on the costs and expenses of various products and decided he had to hand in his resignation to the board of the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Association.

Mr Miller, who has long campaigned for lower charges on policies, is unhappy that unsat-isfactory levels of disclosure will be pushed through by the interests of life companies and that investors. who for the most part are blissfully unaware of the debate as to what they should be told, will suffer.

The difficulty is that someone less principled might take his place and help the proposals towards legislation. Mr Miller and all others within the investment industry will need to make their views heard effectively. His resignation letter made a good start. He said: "Our endorsement of a Securities and Investments Board decision which outlaws clear disclosure of the effect of charges is too much to

Changes allow £6,000 to be invested in unit trusts

Election fears tinge Peps Budget bonus

BY SARA MCCONNELL

INVESTORS face four more weeks of uncertainty as Budget secrecy gives way to elec-tioneering. Many of Tues-day's announcements by the Chancellor affecting savers were jettisoned in the rush to get the income tax and excise clauses of the Finance Bill through parliament yester-day before it is dissolved on Monday.

Markets were disappointed by what they saw as an un-spectacular Budget in the next four weeks they are cer-tain to be volatile. That could discourage some investors from taking advantage of one of the few Budget changes that survived unscathed because it did not require primary legislation.

From the start of the new tax year on April 6, investors will be allowed to put the whole of the £6,000 annual Pen allowance into an investfore, only £3,000 of the allowance could be invested in trusts; the balance had to be invested in shares. Managers had long argued that investing directly in shares through to spread risk sufficiently. Successive chancellors held out against this because they wanted to encourage direct investment in the shares of mainly UK companies.

Heavy advertising of Peps is likely to tempt investors to take out plans before the end of this tax year on April 5. Plan managers are reviewing their trust ranges to see which would qualify for inclusion in a Pep. To qualify, collective investments such as unit trusts and investment trusts must hold at least half of their assets in UK or EC member country stocks. Managers say that unit and investment trust Peps will be easier to adminis-

ter and have lower charges. Fidelity Investments will allow investors to choose between nine unit trusts and its investment trust, launched last year. They will be able to put their whole allowance into one trust or invest in up to four trusts. Mary Blair. Fidelity's executive director, products, said: "We don't want people to have tiny hold-ings, so we will probably allow four holdings in any one year, with a minimum of £1,500 in each trust." Investors will probably be allowed to combine unit trust and investment trust holdings in the same Pep.

PepPepPep Another, less publicised. Budget change will make it easier for investors to transfer Peps between managers. The rules will no longer distinguish between direct shareholdings and unit trust holdings within a Pep; previously Pep holders could transfer from one plan to another only if the holdings in the plan matched. Fidelity plans to offer free transfers

from other plan managers. Societé Générale Touche Remnant (SGTR) was also quick off the mark with a range of unit-trust-only Peps. It is offering its European special situations fund, general growth fund and income growth fund as Peps, both for lump sums and regular savings. To tempt people to use up their 1991-2 Pep allow-ance, SGTR is offering a ! per cent discount if applica-tions are received by March 27. Those who also take out a 1992-3 plan will receive a



Both Fidelity and SGTR are telling investors to take ad-vantage of the remaining three weeks of this tax year to use up their Pep allowances. The Chancellor did not yield to pre-Budget lobbying that investors should be able to

carry back unused tax relief. Other plan managers advise the same but have not yet announced any plans under the new rules. M & G said it did not need to make changes to its range apart from allowing investors to put £6,000 instead of £3,000 into a unit or investment trust. The company's Recovery investment

servatives has been 16 per cent: under Labour it has been 15 per cent. As Peps are a long term investment, managers suggest buying when the market is low and riding out any stock market storms could pay in the long run. Doubts over Labour's Peps plans Pepcould also put people off.

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shows that over the past 25

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Conservative and Labour

governments. The average

annual return under the Con-

Managers say investors might hesitate to put money into equities, fearing that a Labour victory in the election might send the stock market into a nosedive.

trust Pep which, as a new issue, was able to accept the whole of an investor's £6,000 allowance before Tuesday's changes, will be open until March 27. Save & Prosper, Framlington and Invesco MIM are all reviewing their unit trust ranges. Anne Mc-Meehan, Framlington's managing director, said eight of the company's unit trusts qualified under Pep rules, investors would in most cases be given guidance where to

Managers concede that investors might hesitate to put money into equities, fearing that a Labour victory or a hung parliament could send the stock market plummeting. However, Save & Prosdirector of unit trusts and Peps, said: "We're looking at ways of improving our Peps but we have to bear in mind there is an election." A Labour government, he judged, might Pepwant, to exercise more influence on where money was invested, by encouraging regional funds,

The Labour party said that although it was "more sceptical about Peps" than some other forms of saving, it would allow the extension of investment in unit trusts and investment trusts through Peps. It confirmed that no retrospective changes would be made to Peps; a Labour government would, however,

Labour is also unlikely to do anything drastic to the only other significant change al fecting investors in Tuesday's Budget. The abolition of business expansion schemes has long been near the top of Labour's list of things to do if it gets into power. It has not yet decided whether it would bring forward the abolition date of December 1993 announced by Norman Lamoni but said it was "broadly in favour " of the rule change making it easier for BES companies to take part in mortgage rescue schemes.

Although the Budget mea-Ken Emery, Save & Prosper's sures affecting BES were in Friday's truncared Finance Bill debate, BES sponsors say they are already talking to building societies with a view to putting together such schemes. Under the new rules, BES companies can negotiate directly with prospective tenants before they buy properties to rent out on sured tenancies.

Johnson Fry said it would announce a scheme next week. Robert Lo, director of corporate finance, said a BES company would be able to buy properties from owner occupiers in difficulties and rent them back; the owners would become tenants.

However, building societies have been reluctant to get involved with BES schemes as part of mortgage rescue packages. One large BES sponsor admitted that building societies' reactions to approaches had ranged from interested to total apathy".

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National Savings aims for £1bn bonanza with its biggest bond

sequent years on the anniversary of the account being opened up to a £9,000 limit over the five years of the ac-

ritched into Tessas in the first half of last year, most of it coming from taxable sav-ings accounts with banks and building socie les. They were hoping for a second version of the popular account this year to boost flagging

receipts.
Instead, they face even more competition after already seeing their intake fall because of the higher investment limits for the 36th israte tax deducted.

In January, building societies' net receipts moved back into the black for the sue of National Savings first time since October with certificates, paying 8.5 per cent, and the 5th issue inder-linked, paying 4.5 per cent above inflation. These both a total of £293 million. This was boosted by second-year investments in tax exempt special savings accounts. These tax-free five-year ac-counts were launched in Janhave £10,000 limits for new money and their rates are uary last year.

guaranteed and tax-free over five years. The investment limit is £3,000 per adult in the first The interest rate for the

year and then £1,800 in sub- new bond will not be set until nearer the launch. Investors will have to keep their money in the account for 12 months to obtain the guaranteed rate

with no penalty. Tax will be deducted from the interest at the basic rate. Non-taxpayers will be able to claim it back and, should the 20p rate survive, the extra 5p in the pound tax will be re-claimable if the saver does not exceed the £2,000 band for the new rate. Higher-rate taxpayers will have to pay another 15 per cent tax on

the interest. the interest.

Few building society accounts currently offer truly guaranteed savings rates, although they are frequently requested by savers, who want certainty. Most one-year bonds offer to pay a guaranteed amount above the rate of a standard variable account. This is likely to change as building societies fight to retain their savers. Fortunately for banks and

building societies, the Tessa money will not be at risk as it is effectively locked in if investors are not to lose the tax benefits of the account.

Money can be transferred from one Tessa to another but withdrawals of capital during the five years cannot be made unless the interest

However, other accounts will be at risk if the guaranteed rate is attractive, as it must be if it is to raise so much so quickly. Capital bonds had attracted £900 million in their first two

years. These are now in their third issue and have a £100,000 investment fluit. The current rate of 11.5 per cent is taxable and works out at 8.6 per cent for basic-rate

taxpayers.
The Halifax Building Society's monthly income xtra account pays interest fixed for 12 months at 7.15 per cent. The minimum investment is £2,000 and the maximum is £50,000. The interest is paid monthly into a current ac-

Nationwide Building Society offers a one-year bond that currently has a top rate of 8.48 per cent on sums of more than £50,000. This is not a guaranteed rate, al-though it is fixed at 2.2 per cent above its cashbuilder

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Have cash instead of a car

EMPLOYEES are more likely to be offered a choice between cash and a company car after the Chancellor's confirmation on Tuesday that employers would not have to pay VAT on the salary for-gone by the employee (Sara McConnell writes).

Changes to mileage allowances and cuts in car tax at the same time mean many employees should accept an offer of cash then buy and use their own car on business.

The Chancellor confirmed this week that from April I. employers would no longer be threatened with a bill for VAT on salary sacrificed by an employee if he or she opted for a lower salary and a company car. A tribunal ruled two weeks ago that salary sacrificed by employees of the Co-operative Insurance Society was not, in effect, 2 pay-ment for the vehicle on which a company would have to pay VAT. But companies were waiting for confirmation that the ruling would apply gener-ally and not just to CIS's case. This came on Tuesday in the

Brian Friedman, manag-ing director at Stoy Benefit Consulting, said: "The Budget has now removed the final obstacle to choice and the Labour party has also said it is in favour of this. Our phones have been going mad since the Budget with employers ringing for advice. Many employers consider company cars a pain in the balance sheet."

Budget speech.

Mr Friedman said that changes to mileage allow-



Fleet at rest: many employees would gain substantially by using their own cars

nces and scale benems in the Budget would make many employees better off if they bought their own car and claimed for mileage, particularly if they had an expensive "perk" car and did not do much business mileage.

Employees will now pay less for their own car because car tax has halved from 10 to 5 per cent. Lower prices for new cars could also have a knock-on effect on prices of second-hand cars. But employees with their own car doing more than 4,000 business miles a year will be able to claim an average of 19p per mile instead of 14.5p, an increase of 32 per cent. The allowance for the first 4,000 business miles went up

in the Budget from and average 32p a mile to 34p. This, coupled with increases in scale charges for company cars in line with inflation. means employees could save substantially using their own car on business.

Stoy Benefit Consulting calculated that an employee paid an extra allowance by his employer to use his own Ford Sierra car who does 13,500 business miles would pay 24 per cent less using his

own car than he would have before the Budget. The same driver doing 24,000 miles would pay 134.32 per cent less. The figures assume 30,000 business miles p.a. Arthur Andersen, the chartered accountant, calculated that it would cost employers

less than before the Budget to offer people an additional payment instead of a car. Employers would save most if employees gave back more 3 expensive cars. New scale charges and an improvement in capital allowances for business cars have both contributed to this reduction.

Take the wife abroad — on the taxman

BY SARA MCCONNELL

TAXPAYERS who are facing bills could be pleasantly surprised to find that they do not have to pay up if the Iuland Revenue admits it was given all the information it needed and did not use it.

Borrowers letting their mortgaged property for up to a year and employees in "precarious health" who need to be accommanied by wives on husiness trips.

mpanied by wives on business trips could also find that they, or their em-

The Revenue's latest book of extra statutory concessions published this week covern all these circumstunces for the first time. An increasing number of extra statutory concessions means that in practice taxpayers may not have to pay as much, or as often, as they expect. The latest book is the first full mundup of concessions since 1988, although supplements were published in 1990 and last year. The Inland Revenue said: "It is policy for the department either to

publish concessions or put them into

legislation. We used to have unpublicised concessions, but we have been under pressure from ministers over the last few years to publish them all.

"As we operate the legislation we find cases on the margins of the code where the effect to the taxpayer is unintended. It could be that we are able to offer an extra statutory concession if it is not worth our while putting it in leg-islation."

Employees in poor health travelling abroad could find their employers are more likely to allow them to take their wives with them, because employers do not have to pay tax on the wife's expenses, as a concession. The only employees who qualify earn £8.500 or more a year and "although fit to carry out his duties at his normal place of work, takes his wife with him because his health is so precarious that he cannot undertake

foreign travel unaccompanied." Homeowners who move abroad or elsewhere in Britain and let out a property on which they are claiming relief can in practice continue to claim tax relief on mortgage repayments for up to a year, although in theory this is no longer their "sole or main residence" Those who are surprised to discover

that they are held to be in arrears on their tax bill could find that all their tax is waived if their gross income is £12,000 or less.

However, the concession only applies if the Inland Revenue fails to "make proper and timely use of information supplied by the taxpayer about his income and personal circumstances, so that he could reasonably believe that his affairs were in order."

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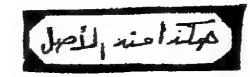
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Still in the dark over commission

BY LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

INVESTORS will be little the wiser as to how much of their premiums in the first years will be lost in commission if proposals from the Securities and Investments Board and the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, published this week, go ahead

Peter Lilley, the trade secretary, had asked the board to look at ways that full disclosure of commission could be given to investors at the point of sale. He was acting on the guidance of Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of fair trading, who has long fought for more information on commission to be available to investors.

SIB feels that key features of the invest-ment product should be included in its pro-motional material; should not be hidden away, and should look just as glossy as the

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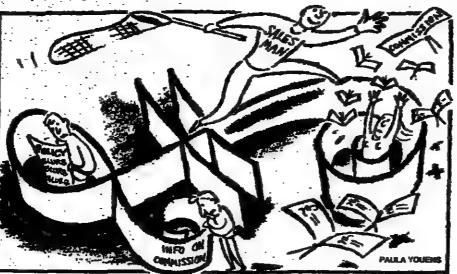
For a 25-year endowment policy these would start with the guaranteed minimum sum. In the example given by SIB, this would be £28,000 plus any bonus additions for a £100 a-month policy for a non-smoking male who is 35 next birthday.

It then goes one "Be careful! You will probably get back less than you paid in if you stop the policy early on. You should get the best value from your policy if you keep it for the full 25 years. A table of surrender values for the policy indicates that someone cashing

the tuli 25 years. A table of surrender values for the policy indicates that someone cashing in after paying £1,200 over a year would get hack £500. After two years they would have paid in £2,400 and will get back £1,200.

Surrender values will be given for the first five years of the policy and if the surrender at the end of that period still gives less than the premiums paid in, companies will have to show when the surrender value will equal the premiums paid in. This, says \$1R, will also tell premiums paid in This, says SIB, will also tell those investors who stay the course that in

Weekend winners



the first year £700 will have been used in commission and expenses. At the end of year two, £1,200 will have disappeared. Investors who do not surrender could, how-

ever, be confused on the point that the amount of money invested at the end of year one is the same as the person who quits at the end of year one will get. The surrender table is followed by the statement: "Not every penny you pay will be used to provide you with benefits under the policy. Some of your money will go to meeting our expenses." No direct mention is made of commission.

Then, using a standard industry-wide for mula to arrive at the expected payout over 25 years, each investment company will have to state what effect their own average expenses will have on such a payout.

The figure expressed as pence per pound

will show the costs over the full period of the policy, although 70 per cent are cancelled before maturity. The average figure will be 14p per £1. This means that if the policy would produce £100,000 over 25 years, £14,000 would be lost in expenses. It is not proposed that the key features section will

proposed that the key features section will state that the industry average is 14p in the pound. This may be considered.

The range is from 6p to 40p in the pound, said Sir David Walker, chairman of SIB. The figure would be higher for the 70 per cent of investors who surrender before the policy matures. In the last year of a policy the payout can be reduced by more than half if the investment house relies largely on the terminal bottus to make up the final payout. Weekend Money asked 15 large insurance commanies to give their costs on the same companies to give their costs on the same

basis. Six gave the figures. Prudential was lowest at 11p. Standard Life next at 12p. Scottish Widows 12.8p. Friends Provident 13p and Clerical Medical and Norwich Union both 15p. Allied Dunbar said it did not have any figures available expressing expenses as a pence in the pound figure. It said it would not be able to calculate it until the rules were

Expressed another way, the 14p of costs per pound would reduce an investment return of 7 per cent a year to 6 per cent, the key features will state. These will also make clear that more information about bonus additions will be in the with-profits guide, which will be sent by post by the life company if requested. The guide will also say how much damage surrender in the later years of the policy will cause to the payout.

The Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regula-

tory Organisation will monitor that the key features are given due prominence, said Sir David. He added that the proposals were "a significant leap. My doubt is whether your readers and buyers of policies will read the information to be provided."

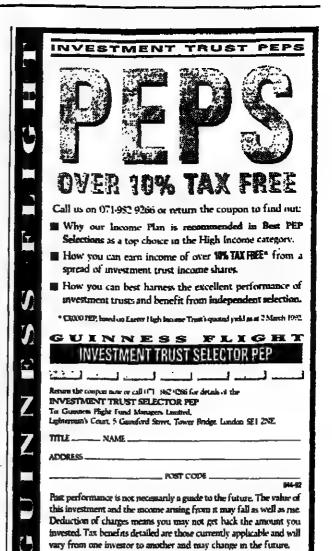
The Association of British Insurers immed-

iately set itself against the pence in the pound figure, saying it would confuse and was not used for any other investment product.

Tim Miller, marketing director of M & G has resigned from the board of Lautro following the publication of its bulletin on disclosure. In his letter he said: "Instead of enabling investors to see the whole picture, the elements are isolated from one another in a terribly confusing way."

Submissions on the Consultative Paper 60

"Retail Regulation Review: Disclosure, Polarisation, and Standards of Advice" are re-quested by April 30. SIB wants to make rules at its May meeting, to be implemented when the trade department gives the go-ahead.



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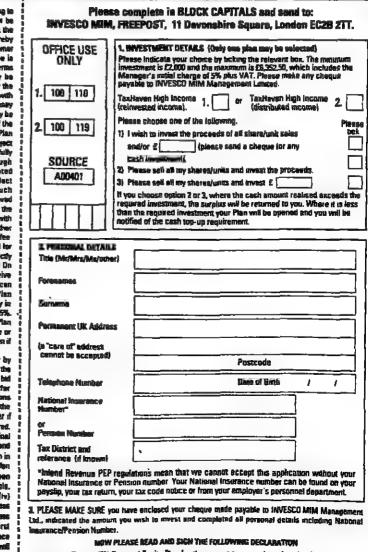
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Continent beckons fund managers

BY RUPERT BRUCE

EUROPEAN investment managers are looking forward to a good year. They say that stock markets on the Continent should rise strongly in anticipation of cuts in interest rates in the second half of this year.

Beyond then they cite a return to robust economic growth, the rapid development of European markets and German reunification.

John Bennett, the fund manager of an Ivory & Sime investment trust called the Continental Assets Trust. said: "I think as a house we are optimistic on Europe and very optimistic on

Prospects for this year are underpinned by an expected decline in European interest rates led by the Bundesbank perhaps in the late summer or early autumn.

Françoise Vapereau, a vice president of Lombard Odier (Geneva) and manager of the Second Market Invest Co investment trust, says a strong dollar will boost the profits of many European companies doing business in America.

Lower interest rates will revive flat economies, and an American economic recovery will help Europe."Put that all together, plus some chance that some growth will come from Eastern Europe and there seems to be quite good potential," she said.

Other investment manag ers add that the Continent's stock markets will be driven higher by an influx of domestic money. In countries such as like Italy and France gov-ernments are encouraging pension funds to invest in

If the European stock markets are going to see a sus-tained revival this year, then And it may be time for the smaller company stocks to recover. While the European markets have already risen by as much as 10 per cent in the first two months, smaller companies have yet to

February the French CAC 40 index rose by 14.4 per cent in sterling terms, while its smaller company Second Market Index rose only 0.1



Reflecting on the opportunities: John Bennett, of Continental Assets Trust

per cent. Similarly, the main German Commerzbank Index climbed 7.7 per cent, but the smaller Schroder Munchmeyer Hengst Index only managed 3 per cent. Mr Bennett, whose fund concentrates on smaller companies said: "We expect a rerating of smaller companies over the next 12 months." He is betting on the reconstruction of eastern Germany to boost his fund. Between 15 and 20 per cent is invested in com-panies that should benefit from the construction boom. Anthony Bolton, head of Fidelity's European invest-ment management department and manager of its flagship European unit trust, has laid some of the blame

for that fund's poor recent performance on smaller com-panies. It has fallen from

being one of the best per-forming funds. Finstat ranked it 105th from 127 funds

Mr Bemoett He has said that his style of stock picking or looking for the cheapest stocks, has led to a concentration on small or medium-size companies. But a rival who has recently ex-amined his portfolio says be owns many smaller company stocks which are difficult to sell in less than perfect market conditions.

But while investment managers are sanguine about the prospects for capital growth in Europe, some are not so hopeful about income funds. Foreign & Colonial recently turned its European income unit trust into a capital growth trust. And Mercury Asset Management has cut

the income yield on its fund to give it more scope for capi-tal growth although it maintains it is still an income

Foreign & Colonial said it decided to convert the in-come unit trust after re-search into what investors wanted from Europe's stock markets. The answer was capital growth, not income. That is not surprising. A European income unit trust

rarely has a yield greater than 4 per cent, whereas a UK equity income unit trust rarely pays below 6 per cent. Helen Rambaut, the F&C European unit trust's man-ager, said: "Yields are lower in Europe than the United Kingdom. But we have also

been disappointed by the dividend growth which has not matched the earnings."

Eastern Euphoria claims a victim in Euroventures

BY HAZEL SPINK

FLAVOUR of the month investments have always proved popular with investors - and those launched a couple of years ago to take advantage of changes in Eastern Europe

were no exception.
But the failure of Eastern European economies to develop as quickly as expected has forced Gartmore to wind up its Euroventures unit trust. The trust was launched in February 1990 specifically to offer investors exposure to Eastern Europe.
UK authorised unit trusts

are not permitted to invest more than 10 per cent in countries which do not have a recognised stock exchange. Most have to settle for investing in western companies with exposure to eastern countries, or which have joint ventures or partnership with Eastern European countries.

Euroventures had invested 44.9 per cent in Germany, 22.8 per cent in Austria, 8.2 per cent in Switzerland, 6.5 per cent in Hungary, 1.7 per cent in Poland and 15.9 per cent in cash.

It was bottom of Micropal's performance tables over one year and was down 7.97 per cent. Ironically, over the past month its performance changed significantly, and it topped the tables, rising 4.5 per cent. Last week investors voted overwhelmingly in fayour of merging it with Gartmore's more diverse European Select opportunities

Lewis McNaught, deputy managing director of Gart-more Fund Managers, said: "Euroventures was launched on the back of euphoria about

There was a lot of marketing hype and many products were not properly explained'

the opportunities for companies investing in Eastern Europe. We have had to face the fact that prospects for Eastern Europe over the short to medium-term are not

positive.

" Even over the medium to long-term they are likely to prove more difficult than orginally expected".

Tony Fraher, managing di-rector of Morgan Grenfell Investment Funds, said: Companies in Eastern Europe have not privatised at a rate originally thought. There was a lot of marketing hype and many products were not properly explained to investors." Morgan Grenfell itself launched a European smaller companies fund in October 1990, called Europa, but the intention was not to invest in Eastern Europe, although it may do if this

becomes viable. Scottish Mutual launched United Europe Bond, a single premium unit-linked bond in July 1990. Investors could invest in any of Scottish Mutual's unit-linked life funds but were encouraged to invest in the European fund.

The fund was launched in Budapest to mark the official opening of the Hungarian Stock Exchange. Rather than investing directly in Eastern Europe, the bond aimed to invest in Western European economies which might benefit from changes in Eastern Europe Between its launch date and March I, the fund has fallen 3.7 per cent. It took less than £5 million.

Save & Prosper, too, launched its European Smaller Companies fund. Ken Emery, a director of S&P, said: There will be some good opportunities for investors. but they need to be selective." Not all companies are so gloomy about Europe's prospects. Next week Memury Fund Managers launches The New Europe fund.

PRIS AROUND THE WORK

THE VIEW FROM SAVE & PROSPER

The UK market awaits the electorate's response to the "Budget for the recovery"... US market valuations no longer look so overstretched ... The Japanese market continues to "bottom-out"... The outlook for markets in South East Asia is still positive ... European market performances and investor confidence are improving.

UNITED KINGDOM

Market awaiting Election outcome. ■ The Budget announcement of a higher than anticipated PSBR of £28 billion for 1992-95 (due largely to higher spending on public services and lower tax receipts) left surprisingly little room for pre-Election

■ The market's initial adverse reaction to the Budget may well have been overdone: for example, as the effect of the Budget's favourable stimulus to the economy became more widely appreciated.

■ UK equities are still cheap relative to gilts and by historical stock market comparisons: these factors have underpinned the market despite bad news on company profits, dividend cuts and economic performance.

UNITED STATES Market now looks reasonably

Dow Jones index reached new highs. driven on by signs that the economy has avoided a so-called "double-dip" recession - for example, GDP for the fourth quarter of 1991 has been revised upwards from $0.3^{\circ},\ to\ 0.8^{\circ}$. And there is ample evidence of recovery in January and February.

■ The news on US inflation remains good and interest rates are unlikely to be reduced any further; we now expect a period of interest rate stability. The US dollar has benefited from the interest rate position and, while a small short-term correction cannot be ruled out, we are positive about the dollar's long-term strength (which augurs well for UK) investors in US equities).

■ Unlike last month, the stock market no longer has such an overstretched look about it, due largely to the real improvement in the economic hacksmund.

JAPAN

Still bouncing along the bottom. ■ The Nikkei Dow index looks to have bottomed at around the 20,000 level, And. encouragingly, it appears to be consolidating without the need for intervention or

support from the authorities. Retail sales for January were the lowest for six years, whilst housing starts were down by 16%; both indicators are highlighting the slowdown in the Japanese domestic economy. Consequently the economy is in need of a boost, which is leading to expectations of another interest

■ The company results season is fast approaching and much of the expected bad news on profits is already reflected in market valuations.

SOUTH EAST ASIA

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■ The Hong Kong stock market continues to rise, driven by optimism about improving relations with China. Exports to the US are rising.

Singapore's market enjoyed a good January and February, and its companies (and banks in particular) should benefit from a US economic recovery.

■ The outlook for the Thai market is encouraging: interest rates there are on the decline and sentiment should be boosted by the market flotation of Thai Airways.

EUROPE

Sentiment improving.

■ Overseas buying of European equities, especially from the US, resulted in strong market performances in the first two months of the year; this was most notable in France and Germany, where markets rose 10.5% and 10.8% respectively.

Monetary policy has been eased by the Dutch and the Belgians, both of whose currencies are strong relative to the deutschmark. And Spain has recently trimmed its inter-bank lending rate.

■ Inflation figures are going down across most of Europe and interest rates are beginning to be seen as having peaked. These factors are belping to improve market sentiment.

CURRENT RECOMMENDED SAVE & PROSPER FUNDS

UNITED KINGDOM

Smaller Companies Income Fund and UK Smaller Companies Growth Fund for improving performance from smaller companies. Managed Portfolio PEP for tax-free investment.

UNITED STATES

American Smaller Companies Fund for relative strength in a low-growth, lowinflation environment.

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THE Midland bank is reducing the rate of interest on its Artscard, Care Card and the National Trust cards from April 8. The new rate for all the cards will be 2 per cent a month (an annual percentage rate of 26.8 per cent), down from 2.35 per cent a month (APR 32.1 per cent).

From July 1, interest on the National Trust card and the Artscard will be calculated from the date of the transaction, rather than the date of the statement. From the same date, cash withdrawals on these cards will be charged at 1.5 per cent, minimum

☐ Bardays Stockbrokers has extended its cheap dealing service for 50 popular stocks, including British Telecom. It will charge a flat rate of £15 for buying and selling up to £750-worth of stock.

Deals over this amount will be charged at two per cent. The service will run in con-junction with the existing Barciays Share Certificated Share-Dealing Sevice and will be available to customers

☐ The Stock Exchange has produced a leaflet explaining vice. The leaflet tells private investors what Taurus is, how it will work, how they will be able to buy and sell shares through the new system and what compensation there will .

Shareholders in quoted companies intending to pass a vote for Taurus at a 1992 annual meeting will probably receive one from the company or from their stockbroker. Others can call the Stock Exchange's information line on 071 - 797 3333.

 An investment bond timed to coincide with the general election has been launched by Clerical Medical. The Guaranteed 100 Bond "Election Series" is a single premium unit-linked whole of life con-tract with a minimum investment of £5,000. The bond will invest in FT-

SE 100 companies and guar-

antees the return of the original investment after five years. The bond will be open until April 8, the day before the general election. Those investing between £5,000 and £19,999 will get an extra allo-cation of 0.5 per cent, while investments of between £20,000 and £249,999 will earn an extra 1.5 per cent. Those investing more than £250,000 will receive an extra

2.5 per cent. ☐ The Bradford & Bingley building society's 6.99 per cent mortgage rate offer for homes has been extended un-til the end of June. The offer was originally scheduled to close by March 31. So far borrowers have completed on 500 homes and there are 300

offers in the pipeline. Qualify ing customers have borrowed about £37 million under the scheme, with an average loan of about £44,000. To qualify, customers must be able to make payments at 10.5 per cent, the society's standard

□ Two new personal equity single company pep, are being offered by the Abbey National to hold a mixture of Abbey National shares and cash. Subscribers will be able to invest in both plans with a minimum of £1,000 in each. The can invest up to £6,000 a year in the general Pep and £3,000 a year in the single

company plan.

The original subscription can be made up of Abbey National shares or cash, or a mixture of both. There will be an investment charge of 0.5 per cent and a transaction charge of 0.375 per cent for each purchase or sale of shares within the Pep. There is also an administration charge of 0.85 per cent for each plan.

Customers with Cash Counter Gold cheque accounts from the Norwich and Peterborough building sociwill be offered a Swrich debit card, which also acts as a £100 cheque guarantee card and a LINK card. The card carries a Switch hologram as an anti fraud

Portfolio

For readers who may have issed a copy of The Times this week, we repeat below the week's Portfolio price changes (today's are on page 33).

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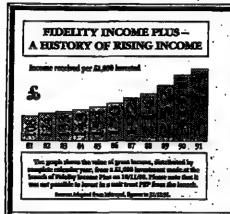
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(c) The Plan Manager may produce a consolidated half-yearly statement, in respect of all Plans managed for the Plan Robler.

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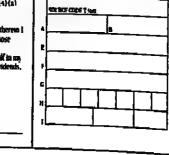
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New banking code aims to lay the ghost of phantom withdrawals

THE new code of banking practice comes into force next week. Nearly every bank and building society in the country has agreed to accept the strictures of the code, which is contained in a black and gold booklet entitled Good Banking. Published jointly by the British Bankers' Association, the Building Societies Association and the Association for Payment Clearing Services, it is the industry's response to the growing dissatisfaction with the way banks treat their customers.

One welcome change to existing practice is the way in "phantom withdrawals" will now be treated.

These are withdrawals via "hole in the wall" cash dispensers, that the customers are convinced they never made. Until now, account holders have had to prove they did not themselves take out the money. From Monday, the burden of proving fraud or gross negligence will lie with the card issuer, both for disputed transactions and in cases of cards sent through the post that customers ma tain never arrived.

Card issuers will now also take full responsibility for all losses incurred after a card has been lost or stolen. Cardholders who delay informing the authorities of the loss or theft of a card will have to pay only the first £50 of unauthorised transactions. The wording of some

clauses appears to be open to different interpretations. One is clause 8.1, which states that banks and building societies must not pass customers' names and addresses to other companies in the same group unless they have the express consent of those involved.

of this requirement is that customers must actively state that they are willing to receive mailshots from subsidiaries in the same banking group However, some institu-

tions, such as the TSB. have interpreted the term "express consent" as meaning "tacit consent". In other words, if people do not actually inform their branch that they do not wish to be inundated with literature about new financial products, they will be considered willing recipients. Others, such as Lloyds Bank, have interpreted the requirement in a more generous spirit and are sending people forms to sign giving their consent to receiving mailshots

In what looks like an outbreak of intense concern about customer safety, some banks have suddenly taken to offering free accident cover. alongside requests either to give, or withdraw, consent to receiving sales literature, depending on which way the institution has chosen to in-An offer from Lloyds of free

accidental death insurance worth £1,500 is printed on the same page as the form to be signed consenting to mailshots. Abbey National is offering £1,000 free accident cover, but hides away in the small print the fact that, by accepting the offer, customers are indicating a willingness to receive sales literature as well.

Barciays has sent out a letter to customers that says Barclays would like to thank you sincerely for maintaining ur account with us — w truly value your business. To show our appreciation, we invite you to accept £1,000 of



Safeguard: The burden of proving fraud now rests with the card issuer, and not the account-holder

cover at no cost to you." The small print on the form accompanying the offer tells mers that they must write to their branch if they do not wish to receive sales

A spokeswoman denied the offer was a means of acquiring customer consent to receiving mailshots. She said the offer was designed to obtain information about dates of birth to improve targeting of relevant information, and was part of a move to consoli-

tomers who used different services within the Barclays group, such as Bardaycard,

The insurance offers from both Barclays and Abbey National close two weeks after the code of practice comes into force.

A spokesman for National Westminster said: "We do not nass on information about account holders to our other companies. We mail our customers on their behalf. If they do not want to receive our

ringing our free customer service line on 0800 505050. "There are no bribes, or

inducements, but we don't just mailshot for the sake of it. There is an aspect of missing out here, you know." People who receive literature directly from their

branch are not protected by the requirement that they give express consent. They are considered to have tacitly consented unless informing the branch to the contrary.

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code, "both the letter and the spirit". The bank is working on a booklet laying down its own interpretation of the

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Abbey National said it would not produce its own booklet because it would just be repackaging the existing code and may confuse the public. Bardays has published four leaflets to coincide with the introduction of the code. These explain various aspects of the way banking works and also give details of

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Borrowers in arrears face building society fines

By LIZ DOLAN

SOME mortgage lenders are charging borrowers substan-tial monthly sums for being in arrears. They include the Nationwide, Skipton and Northern Rock building

David Allen's business failed at the end of 1990. Now his home in Newbury, Berkshire, is the subject of a repossession order. For the past year, he has had to pay an extra £75 a month to monthly repayments. because he is hopelessly in

David Baker, Northern Rock's assistant general manager, mortgages, said: "We start charging 2 per cent a month of the amount outstanding if people are more than three months in arrears. We thought long and hard before deciding that the costs of arrears must be borne by the people respon-sible. Why should the people who pay on the nose every month subsidise those who

don't! "We have set up a special nave after payment unit to look after payment arrangements and possession avoidance in the South-East. Someone has to pay for

"We have a very good record on possessions — only 500 of our 140,000 borrowers have been repossessed. We're battle-scarred in the North-East. We're used to dealing with the results of.

Mr Baker said the £75 charge, the maximum the soWhy should those who are paying on the nose every

month subsidise those who don't?" ciety levies on arrears, did not have to be paid each month. It could be taken out

was sold. He added: "We will waive the charge if people have been dealt a hard blow by fate that they couldn't avoid. Arrears are not all unavoidable. Some people simply use the money for other Mr Allen said he already owed more than the value of his home. His business folded when his debts grew

too large for him to continue.

He got a job eight months later, in July last year, and negotiated lower monthly repayments. The first two proved impossible to meet in full and the society then served him with a reposses-Mr Allen, who has a wife and young daughter, now has to pay two thirds of his salary

every month to Northern Rock. He has been told that month to Northern he will lose his home if he misses another month's full payment. Nationwide charges 1.2 per cent of arrears at the end

of each month, after the third missed monthly repayment. "to cover the administration

of the account". A spokesman said: "The reason we do this is to pay for our ex-penses. We don't think it's fair on other borrowers if they have to bear the cost."

The charge is lifted as soon as lender and borrower agree on a revised monthly payment — provided the borrow-er sticks to the agreement. If a borrower is unable to meet the new agreed payment, the charge is reim-

The Skipton said: "Ours is not an automatic fine. We remove it if, after discussion with the borrower, we really feel it's a genuine case. We think we're good at sorting out the 'would not pays' from the could not pays'.

The society "fines" borrow-ers 2 per cent of total arrears every month after the second missed payment. The fines are added to the loan and the situation is reassessed each

Other societies are bemused by the practice of charging borrowers unable to meet mortgage payments. The Halifax said: "We're trying to help people through their difficulties. The last thing we're going to do is add to them by charging them

The Leeds Permanent said: The only charge we make to people in arrears is £15 for a letter sent out when they are three months behind with repayments. Other than that, nothing. Otherwise, all you'd be doing is worsening the situation."

Midland extends service hours

MIDLAND Bank customers will be offered a full counter service for an extra hour until 4.30pm in 1,280 of its 1.840 branches (writes Sara McConnelli. The extension will take ef-

fect from March 23 and will apply to branches which previously closed at 3.30pm and those which currently stay open until 5pm, but which have no counter service after

Bardays, the largest of the four main high street cleaning banks, has offered a full counter service from 9.30am to 4.30pm in 2,320 of its 2.500 branches since April The remaining 180

branches, in large towns, have opened from 9.30am to 5pm since December 1987 and "a handful" of these branches open longer, some opening at 8am and closing at 6pm.

There is no counter service in branches after 4.30pm in branches opening until 5pm or later. However, Bardays said that cashpoint machines for depositing and withdrawing money were available inside the bank and that customers could open accounts, arrange mortgages. discuss financial services and arrange holiday money until the bank closed.

Barclays introduced banking on Saturdays in 1982. More than 400 of its branches around the country are open from 9.30am to 12 noon on Saturdays. A full counter service is available at most branches at these times. Lloyds bank's 1,929

branches are open between 9.30am and 4.30pm and offer a full counter service. There is a Saturday service at 186 branches from 9.30am to 12.30pm, although there is no full service at most of

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that I now regard the tax man in a quite différent light.

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From Mrs Beryl Hume Sir, Further to your recent item about a phonelink to aid

tax refund claims, I would suggest telephone enquirers find out to whom they are speaking, and at which tax office. I telephoned some 10 days ago and was to be rung back with the information requested. No information has been received, and on ringing again I was obviously connected to another office and no-one knew of my enquiry.

Yours faithfully, BERYL HUME, 5 Church Green. Formby, Liverpool.

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From Miss M. Humphries Sir, Mr Kehoe's statement (Sun Alliance to push up premiums, Weekend Money February 29): "The maximum increase anyone would see was 35 per cent, including the all-risks increase", caused ie wry amus

My standard cover (contents) with Sun Alliance, due on February 1 1992 (before the date of April 1 when the increases are to take place) rose from £65.07 (1991) to £178.88 (174.9 per cent). The policy excluded theft — an arrangement made at my request in 1986. I had been with Sun Alliance for eighteen years and had made no claims. No justification could be given when I queried this increase, spart from previously low premiums and a change in area coding. As I was not satisfied with this response I arranged for insurance cover through my bank (Lloyds) at £110.64 p.a.

The new policy includes theft, high risk (up to £5,500), freezer food, personal money and credit cards, locks and keys, satellite receiving equipment, personal accident, criminal assault and death by fire, none of which were covered in my previous policy. And the insurance com-pany with which Lloyds places its cover? Sun Alliance!

Yours faithfully, MONICA HUMPHRIES, 33 Rennie Court, 20 Stamford Street, SE1.

Barclays' rates

its customers by displaying a misleading and incomplete notice about savings account rates at the Barclays branch in Morpeth. It is unusual for me to be sufficiently moved to respond to such criticism, but I feel it is necessary to put this matter straight.

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From Mr Stanley Thorley Inland Revenue's errors in

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Yours faithfully, STANLEY THORLEY, 8 Thorburn Road, Weston Favell, Northampton.

Greater morality in business is needed

From Mr Eric Sherwin

Sir. Your 'golden device' piece (Weekend Money, February 29) filled me with despair. I realise there is a difference between tax avoidance - doing your own thing so no VAT - and evasion - paying someone else in cash so no VAT!

But the devices you spell out, whichever they are, smack of evasion. Some of the paragraphs are evidence of bankers, accountants, advis-ers, etc., devoting their time to beating authority and outwitting the rest of us who have an honest job of work to do. All perks should be vigor-

ously discouraged, leaving only those that are essential to the job.

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All those who devote their efforts to concocting devices should be disqualified from profiting therefrom; financial regulations should aim at sufficient simplicity to enable the man in the street to understand how to cope with his income instead of delivering him into the hands of the crooked who keep just clear of

the way to jail! ERIC SHERWIN, 20 Adam Court, Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire.

Direct debits are not the answer

From Mr J. E. Price

Sir. I sympathise with Mr Owen (Letters, February 29) where direct debits are not available for credit card bill payments. I recently changed Access and Visa accounts to the TSB when the National Westminster Bank introduced card charges. Since I do not want to pay interest I completed direct debit forms. I failed to notice they were only for the minimum amount. A phone call and letter to TSB should have changed this. It did not.

The next bill for January only collected the minimum amount. Another phone call to TSB showed the change had not been made to collect the full amount. I was asked to pay the balance by cheque, which I refused to do. This

From Mr A. D. Petty

From Mr John Cheese Sir, Mr G. Woodman's letter (Weekend Money March 7) accuses Barclays of deceiving

All Barclays branches have been supplied with special frames so that they can display savings rate posters. On occasions, such as immediately after rate changes, these are replaced by a message stating that rates have changed, until supplies of new material have been delivered. The rates poster does in Capital Advantage and Barclays Select, as well as two other savings accounts.

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JOHN CHEESE, Personal Sector Marketing Director, Barclays Bank. ☐ The Morpeth branch had removed its sign while it redecorated, said Barclays.

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the overdue amount. I then found out that direct debit is not all it seems, the

will now be collected next month, with no interest on

more that is collected automatically the earlier TSB do it. Full payment by cheque is required after 25 days, minimum payment by direct debit after 17/18 days and full payment by direct debit after 10 days.
I will review my payment

method and I wonder who is

helping who to what. Depending on the usage of the credit cards this could well cost more than a card charge! Yours faithfully.

J. E. PRICE, 64 High Street Meldreth. Royston.

Statement sufficed

Sir, My wife was in the pos-ition (your articles of January 25 and February 8) of being unable to register for gross interest payment but entitled to claim on the unused por-tion of her personal allowance. The bank and building proof by the IR seemed unnecessary and time consuming, and she sent instead the annual statement of her largest BS account which showed interest more than enough to cover the claim. Repayment

was made within a month. If this is what they really meant by 'certificates', they should have said so. Future strategy will be to claim on the annual BS statement as soon as received at the end of September. Make a copy be-fore sending the original — it was not returned this time.

Thank you for your always useful articles.

Yours sincerely. D. PETTY. 75 Parkanaur Avenue, Thorpe Bay, Essex.

Pensioners' plea

From Dr W.A. Forster

Sir. Recent personal taxation letters have highlighted correspondents' difficulties.

May I make a plea on behalf of pensioners who are obliged to deal with a tax office, far from their residence? Few can afford to enmust accept the errors, delays and wearisome photocopying of documents, arising from postal queries. It can be both distressing and confusing to more elderly pensioners.

Should not pensioners have the right to have their tax af-fairs handled by the nearest tax office?

Yours faithfully, W. A. FORSTER 3 Wellington Mews, Ripon, North Yorks.

Letters are welcomed, but The Times regrets it cannot give individual replies or advice. No legal responsibility can be accepted for advice or statements in these columns and independent profession-al advice should be sought.

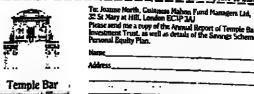
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INVESTMENT TRUSTS AND PEPS

Peps rise above party politics Investors pay

After the Chancellor's 'double your money' proposal, Christine Whelan introduces a four-page report on personal investment plans that are morality in business is needed w proving popular with investors

to double the amount that can be placed in investment trust Perfrom £3,000 to £6,000 a year will boost the sector's efforts attract private share-

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The new limit, which comes into effect in the 1992-3 tax year, applies to "qualifying" investment trust and unit trust Peps. This means that 50 per cent or more of funds must be invested in companies quoted on European Community stock exchanges. The Pep limit for investment in "non-qualifying" trusts remains at £1,500 a year - a restriction that has moderated the investment trust industry's delight at the Budget news.

We would like to have seen the Pep limit for all investment trusts raised to £6,000 a year," says Sally Milner, of the Association of Investment Trust Companies. "Some of the biggest general trusts, such as Foreign & Colonial and Alliance, which we would recommend for first-time investors, are non-qualifying because of their geographical spread, which diversifies risk. It seems illogical to exclude them from Peps."

The Budget proposals also remove a Pep anomaly that excludes new-issue investment trust shares from the £3,000 limit. Up to £6,000 of these shares can be trans-ferred into a Pep within 42 days of issue. This opportunity has been seized by several companies, which have launched investment trusts iust before the end of the tax year. From 1992-3, this strategy will become redundant.
"It is wonderful news," says

Tim Miller, the marketing director of M&G, which is promoting its own new investment trust, the Recovery Investment Trust Pep, due to close on March 27. "It means people can invest a full £6,000

new offer."

He believes the new rules will not affect M&G's launch. "People are investing in our trust as an investment, not as

a tax loophole," he says.
Fleming Investment Trust
Management, the UK's largest investment trust management group which had its own launch last month, said it was delighted with the Budget news. "The Chancellor's proposals have the effect of eliminating the distinction between investment trusts and other publicly quoted companies," said the group's chairman. Lord Mark Fitzalan Howard.

Other investment trust firms are already working on their 1992/93 Pep plans, which will take advantage of their new ability to compete with share-only Peps.
It has taken five years to

reach this point. Like the public, investment trust companies were slow to catch on to the opportunities offered low and administration too awkward to make Pens worthwhile. But now that the plans have more generous allowances and fewer rules. more companies have added Pep options to hump sum investments and regular savings schemes, taking an in-creasing share of the Pep

ful efforts of the industry and its trade body, the Association of Investment Trust Companies, to simplify the often arcane and complex structure of investment trusts for the public. The investor is encouraged to consider longterm performance rather than worry about discounts to net asset value, gearing or closed-end funds.

Behind this lie the success-

investment trusts tend to outperform unit trusts over time. Like unit trusts, they spread risk (the argument



Chancellor Norman Lamont, whose Budget boosted trusts, and Labour's City spokesman Dr Marjorie Mowlam

goes) because, although your money is in a single company's shares, that share is in turn invested in a range of companies. But costs are lower than with unit trusts and there is no pressure on fund managers to accommodate investors' demands to buy or cancel units. Peps, which investment

trusts can offer at low cost and where income is tax-free, have given them the opportunity to press these advantages harder, leading some commentators to warn that the current fashion for investment trusts may not last and performance will suffer. They also fear that some investors have bought investment trusts without understanding how they work or the risks involved, especially in com-plex trusts where there are different classes of share.

So far, however, the market shows no sign of tiring of investment trust Peps, and the Budget proposals give the industry a further opportunity to promote its safer and cheaper alternative to share-

only Peps.
The long-term future for Peps looks rosier, now that reports of their probable demise under a future Labour government appear to have



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Groups listed by value of assets. Source: Micropal

been somewhat exaggerated. Labour's current view is than, if elected, it would conduct a review of all savings vehicles with the aim of getting them all to compete on similar terms. "But that does not necessarily mean that we will abolish new Pep schemes or necessarily down-grade them." Labour's City spokesman, Dr Marjorie Mowiam, has said.

"In looking at Peps we will have one important principle in mind — to use the tax system to encourage savings and investments and especially to help direct money

into supporting new and ex-panding industries." Dr Mowlam told the Association of Private Client Investment Managers and Stockbrokers

last month.

She repested Labour's commitment to honour the tax treatment of all existing Pep holdings and the assumptions on which these Peps have been taken out. This has taken some of the wind out of the Pep industry's marketing sails, but should reassure investors whose Peps are part of their long-term financial planning.
While Peps are beginning

to spark the public imagina-

vehicle, packages such as Pep mortgages, school fees plans and pension enhancers have

been much slower to catch The arguments for using a Pen savings scheme as an alternative to endowment policies or additional voluntary contributions (AVC) are strong. With a Pep mortgage, interest-only payments are made to the lender and reguiar payments made into a Pep savings scheme to pay off the capital. For school fees, a lump-sum Pep is taken out each year, to be cashed in

annually when the child is at

Over a long period, such as a 25-year mortgage term, the ability of Peps to roll up income gross should give them the edge on performance. Financial advisers cite their uncertain political future as one reason for the slow take-up of Peo packages. Now that this appears to have been removed, the two remaining barriers are their lack of guaranteed returns. and the commission structure on endowment and pension The author is editor of

price of trust

ment trusts has risen dramatically over recent years, which is shown by a six-fold increase in the number of regular savers in investment trusts since

The trend is likely to continue as financial services giants such as M&G enter the market. M&G took £246.5 million when it launched its Income Investment Trust at the end of last year and is seeking to top this with the launch of its new Recovery Trust, which the company is spending more than £3 million to

There is, however, a trade-off for this increased popularity. Historically, investment trusts have had relatively low charges. As companies start to spend more money promoting investment, the additional costs are inevitably being sumers.
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spend more trusts to oppromoting erate on a lowcost basis is one investment. factor in their superior perforcosts are mance. One reapassed to

creasing charges on investment trusts has been the realisation by some management groups that if they want to attract new investors, they need to make investment trusts attractive to financial advis-

As management groups have started to pay com-mission, they have begun levying initial charges not unlike those on unit trusts. M&G, for example, had a 3.99 per cent initial charge on its Recovery Trust and a 0.75 per cent annual management fee.

M&G stated that the rationale behind its recent investment trust launches was to take advantage of the tax loophole, now closed, that allowed the full £6,000 Pep limit to be invested in a newly launched investment trust. The company was therefore keen to make its possible because many Pep investors were more familiar with unit trusts.

M&G attracted considerable criticism for introducing such high charges. It defended itself by explaining that what it wanted to do was to have transparent charges. Most investment trust groups deduct administrative expenses and launch costs from the fund, rather than

having an initial charge. Ivory & Sime, the Edinburgh-based investment trust group, was one of the first companies to offer commission to financial advisers. It did so to make investment trusts more accessible to private investors, some of whom left uncomfortable having to buy shares via a stockbroker.

Traditionally, investment trusts were aimed at small investors, but over time they

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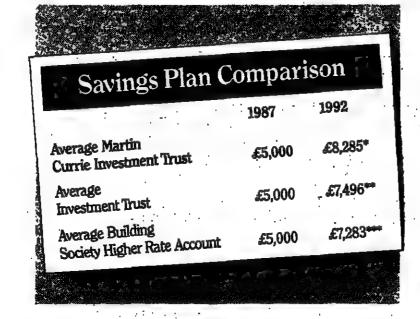
scheme, with a 5 per cent initial charge. This allows monthly amounts or lump sums without having to use a stockbroker.

Alan McFarlane, a director of Ivory & Sime, explained: "We wanted to achieve a level playing field with the unit trust industry. It's all very well for the investment trust industry to say it has a superior product, but if you do not remunerate financial advisers, they are not going to recommend it." Investors who do not want to use this route can place their order with a stockbroker.

Alan Gadd, director of investment trusts at Henderson Financial Management, admitted performance may suffer as a result of higher charges.

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Looking forward to year zero

I you have any substantial investments, the chances are you will have been importuned to put money into one of the many investment trusts that have been launched over the past year.

Fund management groups have kept up a steady flow of new issues. Trust managers, unit trust companies and life insurance companies have all discovered the attractions of the Inventment trust.

Most of the new trusts are "split capital" trusts, whose capital is divided into different classes of stock, each aimed at a different sort of investor. Basically, this involves a split between income and capital shares, the former receiving the dividend income derived from the trust's underlying investments, the latter receiving the capital growth.

However, most recent splits have involved the issuing of zero dividend preference shares, a stock much in demand by institutional investors. Zeros are a relatively safe investment which pay no income tax and promise a fixed capital sum at the winding-up of the trust.

Lord Mark Fitzalan How-

ard, chairman of Fleming Investment Trust Management, says: "Zeros are secure and therefore very good quality. In the case of the Fleming Income & Capital Investment Trust, the coupon — the dividend paid on the share expressed as a percentage of the original share price — was .!! per cent, which we thought right to make it attractive to investors."

attractive to investors."

It certainly did. The firm received offers for four times as many zeros as it was able to sell, the quantity being limited by the number of ordinary

shares it could seil.

Most trust launches also seek to take advantage of the tax breaks offered by personal equity plans (Peps). Investors can put up to £6,000 in a new

From split capital to zero dividends, investment firms are bombarding

consumers. Jill Insley reports

investment trust through a Pep and some recent trusts have been able to accept investments of £12,000 because their latinch has spanned two tax years.

Despite the abundance of split-capital trusts, demand still seems to exceeds supply. Investment trust shares typically trade at less than the net asset value of the trust's investments, this being known as the discount.

At the end of January, conventional investment trusts traded at an average discount of 16 per cent. Yet the component shares of all split capital trusts were trading at a weighted premium of more than five per cent — at a price above the value of the underlying investments.

Because trusts typically

trade at a discount to net asset

value, investors may be able to get better value by buying trust shares after the market dealings begin. If a new trust immediately moved to a 16 per cent discount, in line with the market average, an investor could buy an entitlement to investments worth £100 for d qualification.



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investors' monies will go to

However, a discount is only of value if the investor can realise it. This means the discount to net asset value must narrow. This would be likely if the trust were taken over or wound up, or if demand for its shares increased.

setting-up costs.

Although discounts have tended to narrow in recent years, the discount on your trust could just as easily widen. And if there is no takeover or winding up to realise that value, the notional entitlement to £100 of investment for every £84 of shares is of no worth.

Additionally, most new trusts are split capital, which are trading at a premium, so it will cost more than £100 to buy shares giving an entitlement of £100 of investments.

ment of £100 of investments. Nicholas Malins-Smith, manager of the Greenfriar Investment Company, says: "Investors deliberating about any new investment trust launch should bear in mind that there may be an existing trust with a performance record that fulfils their requirements and probably



Nicholas Malins-Smith, Greenfriar Investment

stands at a discount.

"The new trust will probably incorporate a structure designed to minimise any discount to net asset value. In the end it will be the quality of the underlying investments within any trust that will be

the end it will be the quanty of the underlying investments within any trust that will be the crucial factor."

The proliferation of split capital trusts should make it easier for investors to find a trust which suits their need.

There are two criteria — the

and the sort of stock desired.

Ithough offering a more limited range of investment structures, there are investment trusts investing in most of the

investment policy of the trust

world markets now.

Investors who have no immediate need of income and who are prepared to accept higher risk may choose capital shares. Those looking for rising income will be able to invest in the ordinary shares. Capital gains tax allowances and indexation make zeros highly tax efficient for most

Arron Lewis, head of investment trust research at Barclays de Zoete Wedd, is sceptical of the performance of the new split capital investment trusts. He says: "Surprisingly enough, all of these new issues, other than River & Mercantile's rights issue, were offered on less attractive terms than shares already trading in the market place. If Pep advisers and intermediaries were doing their homework, this would be obvious."

obvious."
He adds: "These new annulty-type income shares seem hardly suitable for Peps since they all have near 100 per cent losses in capital terms over their lives. This destroys the chance to achieve the combination of capital and lincome growth which has been one of the major attractions of income shares."

ILL INSLEY

A matter of trust between rivals

hthough in some ways similar, unit trusts and investment trusts have traditionally vied with each other for investors' cash. This rivalry has intensified as investment trusts have grown in popularity and unit trust sales dwindled.

Hoth unit and investment

Both unit and investment trusts are collective investment schemes. They pool investors to gain access to a wide spread of shares, so minimising the risks.

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However, the two types of investment differ in other respects. Investment trusts are quoted, public limited companies, which invest in the shares of other companies. Unit trusts are written under trust law and therefore governed by trust law rather than company law. Investors in unit trusts are issued with mais

sell them shares in the investment trust company.

A unit trust is known as an open-ended fund because new units can be created to meet demand. However, investment trust shares are in limited supply, "id"; an investor can only sell his or her shares if there is a buyer. This determines the way in which shares are priced. Unit

This determines the way in which shares are priced. Unit trusts are priced according to the value of the underlying assets, so if the market goes up, the value of the units goes up and vice-versa. The price of investment trust shares is determined by demand for them, so does not always mirror movements in the market. These are therefore said to trade at a premium or at a discount to

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investment that offer fixed capital returns. Investors have no entitlement to income during the life of the trust, but have first call on the assets when it is wound up. Preference shares offer dividends that rise to a predetermined rate and fixed redemption value, and income shares high income but offen negligible capital return. Capital shares offer the potential for high capital return, as they receive all the trust assets at the winding no date but only after the

other classes of shares have received their entitlements. The return therefore depends on performance.

Both investment and unit trusts can be bought via a Pep., Since the Budget, the \$6,000 Pep limit can now be

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The mark of a good manager

Jon Ashworth on how to separate the performance from the publicity

Performance is everything to an investment group. group. How many times have you heard the theme: "If only you had invested with us back then, just think how much money you would have made by now?" That, implicitly, is the message behind many of today's advertisements, be they for personal equity plans, unit trusts, investment trusts

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And even if the graphs and tables which are invariably thrown in to back up their case look convincing enough, beware. Records of performance are not always what they seem, and there is more to a good fund manager than name alone.

A recent mailshot by M&G. Britain's largest unit trust group, rams the statistics home. Anyone who invested in the M&G Recovery unit trust between 1972 and 1982 - the lowest growth period of any ten-year period - would have seen an average return of 15.1 per cent per annum, compared with 8 per cent in a

building society. In better years the results are even more impressive. Between 1976 and 1986, the fund gained 30.1 per cent against a building society average of 8.3 per cent. The statistics are designed to drum up interest in M&G's recovery investment trust new issue, which closes to subscriptions on March 27.

So should investors send off their cheques immediately, confident in the fact that their money will outperform a

bank or building society whatever happens? Not necessarily.

Since M&G is spending £2 million promoting the new trust it would be surprising if it did not have a convincing message to sell. But while a big name is often enough to draw in the funds, it cannot guarantee that all will be rosy in the years ahead. Each fund manager has a

different approach to running a fund and a personal network of sources. Lose the fund manager and today's success story can quickly turn into tomorrow's disaster. A few bad investment decisions are all it takes, but it may be months or years before the scale of the damage becomes

John Spiers, editor of Best Pep Selections, warns that illustrations of "spectacular performance" can be highly misleading. A fund that did superbly four years ago may be a diasser now.

"Look beyond the statistics at what is happening at that group," he says. "Have there been personnel changes? Is it a team effort, or is one person running it? If that person leaves, you need to look care-fully at whether to stay with Mr Spiers recently "down-

raded" the Fidelity Special Simations unit trust after recommending it for two years. Until 1990, the trust was Fidelity's UK flagship, linked to the Fidelity Growth Pep and ranking number one over five and ten years. But investments in Mountleigh,



Pep tipster: John Spiers points out that funds are only as good as their managers

Parkfield and Polly Peck among others turned it imo the worst fund of 1991. Anthony Bolton, who has

managed the fund since its launch in 1979, now appears to be making up for the earlier losses. "It now looks as if the fund is back on form,"
Mr Spiers says. "Here is an
experienced guy who had a
run of bad luck and is now getting it together again."
The moral would appear to

be invest for the long term. Keep your money in an equity linked investment long enough and it will almost certainly outperform a bank or building society in time. Even an investment in "bombed-out" sectors — Australia, UK recovery — may eventually come right, though it may take longer than most investors are will-

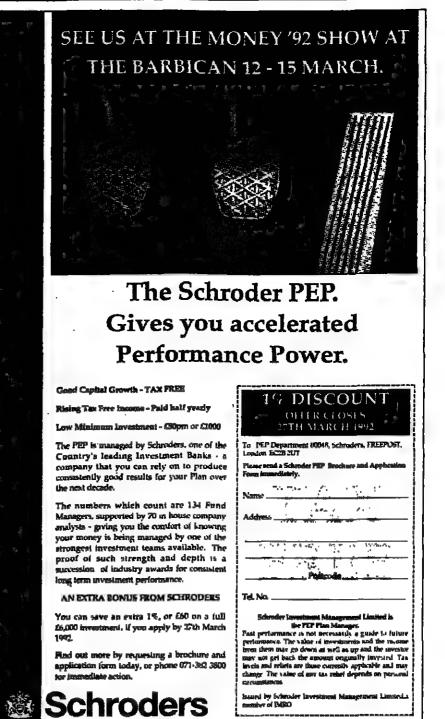
ing to wait: Comparing past performance is one way of singling out a "good" fund manager from one who is merely indifferent. Mr Spiers sums it up as looking for consistent outperformance rather than one lucky break which can affect cumulative figures for years, but which may be

igures can vary tremen-dously. Perpetual, which manages about £3.5 billion in unit trust funds, is ranked second over one year. 23rd over five years and 12th over ten years, according to the latest performance figures from Micropal, Framlington, the top performer over one year. is second over five years and ninth over ten years. Lazards, third over one year, is sixth over five years and 23rd over

The Govett UK Small Companies unit trust, backbone of the Govett Prestige Pep, has a topsy-turvy perfor-mance typical of many smaller company funds. After a good showing in 1986, the fund had a bad year, a good year, then two bad years on the trot. But, despite the losses, the overall result over five years still outstripped 90 per cent of all Pep qualifying

So while performance records are important, they are not everything. Clearly an abysmal track record across all its funds is worth avoiding, and a group with a high turnover of fund managers may be more likely to make

Decide on your investment objectives, then narrow down to a choice of five or so names. Compare performance, scan the press for warning signs, ring up and ask about the fund manager and try and establish what morale is like. After that, you should be in a safer position to send off your cheque.



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New ways of saving Investment Trust Com-panies, says: This allows the

duced about seven years ago specialised trust. as a way of circumventing investment trust marketing rules. As companies, the trusts are not permitted to advertise their own shares, but they can promote their

own savings schemes. The savings scheme is simply a way for the trust manager to aggregate private investors purchases, reducing dealing costs to a mini-mum. This is because the large volume of relatively small transactions allows the trust manager to deal at much reduced institutional

dealing prices.

As such, lump sum investment through a saving scheme is often described as the cheapest way to buy shares. Management groups usually make a dealing charge of 0.2 per cent before stamp duty and VAT, and an increasing number of companies, including Bailie Gifford, Ivory & Sime and Mercury, which make no charge at all. Annual management charges typically

per cent for a more

Most unit trust and Pep savings schemes would make a 5 percent initial charge and annual management fee of 0.75 per cent to 1.5 per cent.

Richard Spencer, investment director for Brooks Macdonald Gayer, the inde-pendent financial adviser, says: "Investment trust savings schemes must be the cheapest way of soing into equities, with unit trust and Pep savings achemics also providing good value."

able benefits, even to those vino caminot affic investments. Investing month by month in an inve ment trust, unit trust or Pep need to decide when it is the right time to invest. Although some shares and units will be bought at higher prices, others will be purchased at low prices, smoothing out the total cost in a process known as pound cost averaging. Sally Milner, spokes-woman for the Association of

investor to avoid buying all his shares or units when the market is very high. The schemes are also totally flexible: there is no minimum amount of time you have to

Jonathan Ruck Keene, di-rector of Mercury Asset Man-agement, says: "Predicting short-term market movements is an art which few people have mastered, so it makes sense to allow the decisions to be made for you."

Savings schemes are also popular with investment trust managers because, by encouraging the involvement of private investors, they render takeover by other institutions.

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Pepping into Europe

Lesley Renvoize reports on the wide range of continental

> funds now available

ritain's assimilation into Europe came another step closer on January I, when the Pep rules were extended to include EC shares. From now on there is to be no distinction between Britain and the rest of

Until April 5, Pep investors can use the current £6,000 annual limit to buy EC company shares, of which up to £3,000 can be invested in European unit and investment trusts. From April 6, following changes an-nounced in the Budget, they can invest the full £6,000 if

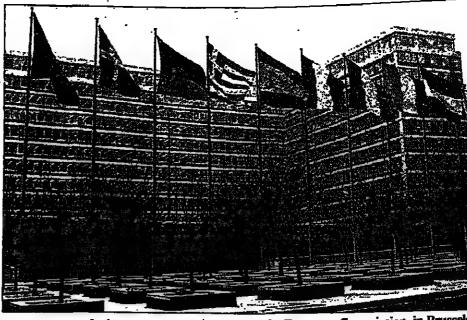
But there are differences between investing in Britain and Europe, and investors should think twice before rushing through the EuroPep door just because it has been opened. Since Peps are essentially a tax shelter, it is important to look first at the returns available from European equities.

In contrast to Britain, where yields have traditionally been in the region of 4 to 5 per cent, the average European yield is closer to 2 per cent. This means that the potential income tax saving is very small, and in many cases will be less than the cost of the

Jeremy Tigue, of Foreign & Colonial, the investment managers, says: "The low yields mean that our European trusts — Foreign & Colo-nial Eurotrust and Foreign & Colonial German — become less attractive to Pep investors." However, he points out that with a flat rate charge of £50, the Foreign & Colonial Pep scheme is more attractive for large investments.

If the yield on EC shares does not justify the cost of a Pep, what about the potential for capital gain, and the possible saving on capital gains tax (CGT)? At the moment, very few people fall into the CGT bracket, but this could well change under a new government

Europe is cautiously optimistic. Stephen Peak, manager



Making plans for investors: the headquarters of the European Commission, in Brussels

of Touche Remnant's European Growth trust, says: Europe has broadly been a dull area for two years and

has under-performed both Britain and North America. "A gap in valuations has now opened up and we have gradually been increasing our exposure. It's time to be a little more positive. He admits that his trust has

had a disappointing performance over the past year, and



Stephen Peak: optimistic puts this down to the blas towards smaller companies, which have suffered most during the recession.

Fleming's Euro Fledgeling trust has also suffered, and its shares are trading at a discount of 21 per cent to their underlying asset value. Flem-ings says it has not noticed a huge increase in money in-vested since the trust became Peppable, and the group's most popular trust is still the British fund, Fleming Claver-

Francis Baring of Taylor Young, the independent adviser, goes for trusts which

concentrate on established companies. "I prefer Foreign & Colonial Eurotrust and Fleming Universal because of their geographic spread and track record. I feel that the rally in Europe is going to come first from the larger stocks. There is still good

value to be had." Both these trusts have had a relatively good year in terms of performance, notching up total share price gains to January 31 of 8.9 per cent and 13.5 per cent respectively, according to AITC figures,

and this is reflected in their discounts of 1 to 3 per cent. But the best-performing trust in the European sector over one year is the aptly named Ecu Trust, which is run by Gordon House Securities, the independent managers. Latest figures from Micropal show a total share price return of 33.6 per cent to March 2.

The big question is, can gains like this be sustained in the future? Manager David Donnelly believes they can, and attributes his success so far to sound judgment and a specific investment strategy. The distinction between us and the others is that we have a very narrow focus." he savs. "We select good-quality companies that are growing in their own right. Then we look for a corporate angle, per-haps a change of manage-

ment or a subsidiary which is growing faster than the parent. We hope that this change will bring us a windfall He cites the decision to buy

Wellcome shares as a classic

example of this strategy in

action. "I'm happy to say we've doubled our money on that one." Ecu Trust is now fully qualifying under the new rules, but the managers have yet to set up their own Pep, which means that prospective investors must use one of the self-select schemes offered by mockbrokers.

The range of European investment trusts is growing all the time. As well as those



David Donnelly: success

clude Fidelity's European Values and Gartmore European. Others, like Abtrust New Dawn and Martin Currie European, have yet to make up their mind, al-though in theory they would qualify under the new rule:

Some of the international funds, like Dunedin's Edinburgh Investment Trust, are also now able to qualify in full, and are an ideal choice for the first-time Pep investor looking for broad exposure to world markets.

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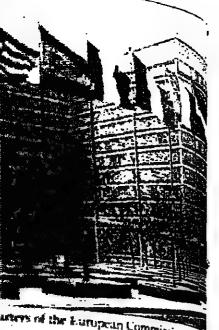
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HOCKEY

Grimley

returns

to bolster

hopes

By Sydney Friskin

WHEN Hounslow and East

Grinstead meet in the Hock-

ey Association Cup semi-final

at Feltham tomorrow, they

will revive memories of their

3-3 draw in a League match

last November. On that occa-

sion, East Grinstead estab-

lished a 3-0 lead at home and had a goal disallowed before

Gordon put Hounslow on the

road to recovery. Tomorrow,

Hounslow, the holders, are a

home, their strength renewed

by the return of Grimley from injury and Hazlitt from army

East Grinstead, with Bat-

chelor. Clift and Mahmood

Bhani in the firing line, enter

the gamer with confidence

having put the memory of last

Sunday's 7-1 defeat by Hav-

ant in the League behind

Southgate entertain Ted-

dington in the other semi-final at Broomfield School.

Teddington, unbeaten since

Christmas, have lost only two

League matches this season.

having gone down 2-0 to Southgate and 4-0 to Houns-low. McGuire, the leading

first division scorer with 21

goals in 17 matches, is the

three-man frontline that has

Hauck on the right and Billson on the left. Southgate

should have Freeman or Gis-

borne on the right flank.

Welch in the middle and

Injured Leonard is rested from Harlequins team

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

MAYBE it is as well that . that plays Bath, the Courage Harlequins rest from their league labours this weekend: apart from the demands that England have placed on their players, they were celebrating their 125th anniversary this week, which may have left one or two slightly hung-over.

Even had they a more testing fixture than against Wakefield — when Simon Dear, the England B lock forward, makes his first-team debut — Jason Leonard would not have been in-volved Leonard, the England tight-head prop, has a slipped disc in his neck and is awaiting medical advice on how

long he must rest. It seems possible that Leonard will miss Harlequins challenge next month for another cup final. His England colleague, Jeff Probyn, is also out of the Wasps team league champions, today after infecting a cut collected playing for the Barbarians on

Wednesday. Bath are anxious to sustain. their pursuit of the first division leaders and will keep aneye on the game at Kingsholm between Gloucester and Northampton. Ian Smith, the Gloucester captain, can-not return because of the finger injury he sustained

against Orrell last month.

I tested the hand during training on Thursday night, but it was just not on," Smith, who is due to play for Scot-land against Wales next Sat-urday, said. "If I had injured it again, I would have been out for the rest of the season." Peter Jones, the Scottish replacement prop, has also withdrawn after bruising ribs in training.

Douglas misses out

LONDON Scottish, who play Moseley today, look certain to win promotion from the second division, but the dub to accompany them may be de-termined by the match be-tween West Hartlepool and Newcastle Gosforth. Unhappily, Newcastle, whose form has been so irresistible over the last three months, have been hit by problems in mid-stride (David Hands writes).

Steve Douglas, their Eng-land B scrum half and consistent try-scorer, broke an ankle late in last week's game

against Broughton Park. In their centre, broke his leg playing in a county B fixture, and neither of their experienced locks, Steve Bainbridge (stung by a jellyfish white skin-diving on holiday) and Terry Roberts, is fully fix.

Donoless will not play

Douglas will not play again this season, though Chandler has hopes of doing so. About 5,000 are expected at Brierton Lane for the game with West boosted by the presence of Paul Pook, the Welsh Students flanker.

of how we are really adapting to life at the top of the table." Barrie Corless, their director of rugby, said. "We wanted to finish in the top half of the league in only our second season since being promoted. but now we are justified in setting our sights higher." Orrell, the leaders, should keep their noses in front by bearing Rugby, but, further east, Nottingham play Lon-don Irish against the back-

Not that Northampton will

go gaily into the match as a result. "Playing Gloucester at Kingsholm will be a measure

cloth of the court action that awaits Gary Rees, their flank-er, after an incident in the friendly fixture with the Irish in January in which Stefan Marty, the Irish flanker, was severely injured. Rees was picked to play today but withdraw after a

fitness test on a damaged shoulder. Martin Pepper, the England Students captain. takes his place.

☐ England play their first colts international of the sea-

son in Padua against Italy buoyed by their 69-3 drub-bing of Italy B on Wednes-day. Gary Becconsall is preferred at scrum half and the captaincy goes to Paul Burke, capped by England Schools at stand-off half last

SCIDOIS AL SIBRIO-OLI BALL INSE, YEAT.

BNGLAND COLTS: A Hendley (De La Sale); N Smith (Northampton), J Keyter (Hericopina), D Edwards (Loughborough Linky, O O'Leary (Saracens); P Burfue (Loughborough Linky, G Bacconneil Cure (Loughborough Linky, G Bacconneil Cure (Loughborough Linky, G Sticup), C Johnson (Leicaster), N McCarriny (Sett), J Wright (Wortherster), G Wanner (Northampton), G Wanner (Northampton), G Wanner (Sticup), R Hill (Resident), R Hill (Resident),

Gloucester v Northampton Gioucester seek to go level on points with Northempton, who are second in the table, but len Smith and Peter Jones are unlit and are replaced by Stanley (Benker) and Windo (prop). Northempton are unchanged for their fifticit viett to Kingsholm, of which Gloucester have won 43.

Leicester v Bristol

Simon Povoas plays No. 8 in Lalcester's back row and Johnson returns at lock, with the Underwood brothers available on the wings. Bristol, who have tost three of their tour league games with Lelcester, retain Lathrope at hooker and prefer Davis at sorum half.

Martin Freer returns at prop for Nottingham but Rees has withdrawn because of a shoulder injury so Pepper plays at flanker. Hennessy is at full back for the kish, who restore Helpin to prop after recovery from concussion. Rosslyn Park v Saracens

Roselyn Park move Maward to No. 8 after Brooks was injured in mid-waek playing for the Barbarians, Stratford coming in at flanker. Whiting makes his league debut at centre instead of Leleu against an

unchanged Saracens side looking

Rugby's threequarter line is revised to include House at centre and Gillody on the wing for their first league meeting with Orrell, the league leaders, though the blube did meet four times in the 1970s. Perions retains the stand-off position against the mans Ornal XV that defeated Leloester.

Wasps are without the injured Buzza, Sietgin Batas and Probyn so call up Pagrim (full back), Hockey (centra), Wright (scrum helf) and Dunston (prop) against the same Bath side that defeated Gloucester,

Heineken League

Bridgend v Swansea Bridgend, sevouring their recovery since Christmas, take on the league leaders with the side that beat Cardiff. Swanses move Titley to full back for the injured Clement and prefer Colclough at tight-head

Llanelli v Newport

Lewis is one of five capped forwards against a Newport side missing Bidgood, the centre, who rests before winning his first cap next week. McGauchie plays instead but Liewellyn (eorum haif) is injured and George (fienker) doubtful.

Neath v Newbridge

Neath restore Bridges to scrum helf and have the Liewellyn brothers available at lock in a bid to move from their lowly position of third from bottom. Newbridge, who played poorly in detest against Pontypridd in midweek, hope Wa-ters (nooker) has recovered from a

Survival battle is Gray's priority

↑ hris Gray this week-Tend resumes his regular trips to Edinburgh but not as a member of Scotland's nat-ional squad preparing for the final international of the season. Instead, Gray, the Nottingham lock and captain, is, to use his own laconic words, "cannon fod-der" for the team which will play Wales next Saturday.

It has been a difficult season for Gray and Notting-ham. The dentist, aged 31, took his tally of Scottish caps to 22 during the World Cup, despite a strained Achilles tendon which forced him to rest when the tournament ended. He came back prematurely against Gloucester in mid-December and tore a calf muscle, as well as turning his ankle, both on the right

Although he nourished hopes of regaining fitness in time for the second half of Scotland's five nations' programme, the form of the second row, "Doddie" Weir and another Anglo-Scot, Neil Edwards, has justified their retention and Gray must pin his hopes now on a place in the tour party to

Australia this summer.

However, his desire to play again has been motivated not only by his inter-national ambitions: Nottingham have been afflicted by so many injuries this sea-son that their lack of genu-ine all-round depth has been exposed and their

League form has suffered.
With only one point from seven matches they stand in danger of relegation; as if this were not enough for a chib whose rise to the top six in England during the 1980s was a splendld ad-vertisement for self-help. the legal action hanging over Gary Rees, their flank-

er, has added to the gloom.
"We can pinpoint the reasons for the decline," Gray said. Three of us were away during the World Cup and there have been injuries to other people, the sort of people who keep the club ticking over throughout the



Storm warning: Scottish international Gray is hoping to beat the blues

season. New people have come in, but they have had to learn their way around and if you are losing games,

the confidence goes. "Once we got to know each other we started to play some good rugby and the confidence returns, the light comes back into peo-ple's eyes. At the same time we have had to organise ourselves for the absence of Alan Davies with Wales. Steve Holdstock, Gary Hartley and Nell Mantell have done well in coaching but they are learning too and the club has come to realise that maybe it has relied too heavily on Alan in the past. But we are all aware that relegation would let down those people who have put so much hard work into Nottingham.

"We are a club that has played in cup semi-finals and showed well in every season of the leagues and you feel the pressure to provide the goods and stay up. The only way to do that is to buckle down and work

Gray also believes that the incident in the January game against London Irish — today's League oppo-nents — which has resulted

causing grievous bodily harm, has stiffened the resolve of the players. "I think there is no doubt what happened affected the players. People have been drawn together and feel that we must win our last few games and stay in the first divi-

sion, to gee up Gary.
"It's hard work for him, when the game he has put turning against him. So everyone at the club wants to lighten the gloom. He has put a lot of effort and talent into the club and we feel we Sean Kerry on the left wing with Soma Singh and Clark providing stability in defence. The Pizza Express National

League ends today with the completion of two postponed fixtures. East Grinstead are at home to Southgate for a first division match, while in the second division Canterbury must beat Harbourne to win a promotion place.

CYCLING

Amateurs in Olympic test

PROFESSIONALS clash with amateurs in the Alexa Essex GP 90-mile road race at Haisread tomorrow (a Special Correspondent writes). It THE leading four clubs in the games still to play, it is still too Twickenham last week - Bidgood. With Scotland next is the first of the Stur Trophy number of professionals.

> The ten professionals in the 80-man field, led by national champion Brian Smith, provide a lough trial for amateurs aiming for Olympic selection. The amateurs include Mark Gornall, the 1991 win-

> ner, and Paul Curran, the former professional champion reinstated as an amateur, who won in 1987-8.

Reith R v Ayr Utd.. Stirling A v Pertick

Second division

Allos v Queen's Park

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Stenhousemulr v East Fife

Kingsbury v Faitham and Hounelow Bor;
Royston v Clapton.
HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Bishop Auckland v Fleetwood.
Droystedn v Andrington Stanley; Horwich
v Emley; Marticok v Barrgor City; Morecambe v Hyde, Southport v Shepahed
Abbien, Stalybridge v Galnaboreugh;
Willier Bay v Buxton. First division:
Affreion Town v Cohven Bay; Bridsington
Town v Lancaster City; Congleten v
Neitherfield: Curron Asthon v Raddiffie
Bor; Gustelley v Workington; Harrogale v
Newtown; Rhyl v Workington; Cress;
Rossendale Urd v Insm Town, Warrington
v Farraley Celtic; Winstord v Caernarion.
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BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Atherstone v Doronhester: Brumsgrove v Moor Green; Burnon v Beahley; Cambridge City v Wasterlooville; Chelmstord v Worcester; Corby v Trawbridge, Crawley v Westicstone; Darritord v Poole; Dover v VS Rugby, Pisher Ath v Gloucester, Middand division: Barry v Bechworth, Dudley v Alvecturch; Hinckley v Termworth; King's Lynn v Bidgoorth; Leloester Und v Sinton Coldfield: Nunceton Bor v Biston; Soffield Ser v Hednesdord; Stouthridge v Raddiich; Yate v RC Warwick Southern divisions Andover v Buckingham; Braintree v Ashford; Burnham v Weymouth; Centerbury City v Bury; Fareham v Mangale; Havent v Hastings; Newport IOW v Dunslable; Salasbury v Erith and Belveders, Sudbury v Hythe.

NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION:

against a club which so often has reveal their bogey side. But Cardiff have a problem at stand-off with hing, Evans and Davies all unavail-able, though Rayer, Hall and Roy all ratum to the side.

against each other today (Gerald Davies writes). While the leaders, Swansea, play the silent players of the season, Bridgend, who have crept up almost unno-

ticed on the blind side and are now in second position. Lianelli, lying third, face Newport, who are fourth. With only four points separating the top six clubs and six **GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES**

Lame v Clittonville; Newry v Sellymene.
ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier di-vision: Old Chiqwelliane v Old Mahvenlans; Old Chornelelans v Old Carthusians; Old Foresters v Old Deptimiers.

Carthusians; Cild Forestera v Old Reptoritaria.
OLD 80YS' LEAGUE: Premier division: Chersey v Old Meedoniens; Enfield v West Wickham; Glyn v Old Aloystens; Old Isleworthsma v Old Dames; Old Tenisoritans v Old panes; Old Tenisoritans v Old panes; Old Tenisoritans v Old panes; Old Sesionisms v Colposs; Old Finchletens v Parfellat; Old Parmitischers v Witten, 8t May's College v Soluthgate County, SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Caul Jernos v Old Stroniers; Old Parkonsons v Old Stroniers; Old Parkonsons v Old Stroniers; Old Parkonsons v Carshulton; Winchmer, Did Parkonsons v Carshulton; Winchmer Hill v Norsemen; Alexandra Park v Old Stationers; Barcheys Senk v Crouch End Vemplers; East Barnet OG v Broomfield; Lloyde Bank v Southgate Olympe; Polyticalinic v Southgate Olympe; Polyticalinic

RUGBY UNION

Courage Clubs Championship

v Pickwich. SCOTTISH WOMEN'S LEAGUE CUP. Semi-finals: Western Klick Photopoint v Royal High Gymnasts, Grove v Heriot-Wall SCPE

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CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE

CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUEMen: First division: Birmingham Bullist v
Worthing Bears (4.0), Hemel Hempstead,
Royals v Cheshers Jets (6.0), Manchestei.
Gents v Lendon Towers (3.0); Sundertand Saints v Lelosater Ricters (7.0);
Themes Valley Tigers v Derby Bucks
(6.0). Second division (4.0): Bruton
Toposts v Brovbourne; Cerdiff Buccaneers v Doncaster Eagles; Middlesbrough Mohawits v Bernsley Generals;
Oktham Cehics v Phymouth Raiders
Third division: Crystal Palace Semons v
Chiltern Fastbreak (2.0). Women: First
division: Bruton Laufy Toposta v London
Central YMCA (2.0); Nottingham Wildcets
v Northernpton 76ers (3.30); Rhondds v
Ipselch (2.0): Thames Valley v London
Jets (3.30). Second division: Milton

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Second division

Bedford v Blackheath. Liverpool St Helens v Morley

Swansea weakened for trip to Bridgend sults of today's matches are likely to determine the final

> down on consecutive Saturdays before Christmas to Swansea (30-6) and at home to Newbridge (25-6). Swan-sea will visit them without their internationals, Tony Clement and Stuart Davies. who both suffered injuries at

Sale v Waterloo W Hartlepool v Newcastle G.

Broughton Park v Radruth (2.30)

Third division.

vies an injured ankle - although both are expected to be fit for next Saturday's match against Scotland. Emyr Lewis, who missed

last weekend's match against England, is back on the flank for Llaneili, who will no doubt remember the way Paul Turner. Newport's player-coach, masterminded their 19-9 defeat in November. Newport will be without Roger

keep himself in cotton wool. A troublesome hamstring injury may also leave Newport vithout their captain, Glen Lying second from the bot-

tom there is no end, it seems, to Cardiff's woes, having won only two of their 12 fixtures. Today they have to go up the road to face Pontypridd, who are on a roll with five consecutive wins under their belt.

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RUGBY LEAGUE SILK GUT CHALLENGE CUP: Semi-final: Caeffelord v Hulf (at Headingley, 3.0)

HOCKEY

SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Edaburgh Carl Service v Grange, Haziehead v Kelburne, Sterling v NMP Menzieshalt. Torbrev Wanderers v Touche Ross. Western v Inverteight. WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL MATCH: Grail Britan v Australia (Reading, 1.0) TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Wembledon v Hefshlowe.

BASKETBALL CARLSBERG NATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: First division: Chesher Jets v Derby Bucks (8.0). Kingston v London Towers (7.30). Leicester Rickers v Hernel Hempstesd Royals (7.30). Worthing Bears v Manchester Grants (8.0)

ICE HOCKEY HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Premier division: Ayr Redara v Bracheell
Boes, Humberside Seshkwiks v Norwich
and Peterborough, Nothingham Penthera
v Murrayfield Race s First division:
Basengside Beavers v Lea Valley Llons,
Blackbarn Blackhawis v Romidor Receers: Stough Jess v Fire Payers, Swindon
Wridcata v Millon Keynes Kings; Telford
Tigers v Tratford Metros

LACROSSE

division: London v Hillordh. Beth v Hampstead; Tstatleid v Purley.
BRUNE NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Ashton v Hamelans; Mellor v Timperley: Old Watchisma v Sherifield Steelers, Sheltleid University v Sale.

ATHLETICS: Great Britain v United States (NA, Birmingham): Networld cross-country relay clempionships (Manefield). BADMINTON: AB-England Championships (Wombley). BILLIARDS: UK championships (Addershot).

Gramphorships (Stavenage)
SNOOKER: Forte Hotels Matchroom
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(20), S Hendry v G Wilkinson (70)

First division Barclays League

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Tottenham v Sheffield Wed ... Second division

Barnsley v Oxford Brighton v Blackburn Bnstol City v Cambridge U., Ipswich v Leicester C..... Port Vale v Bristol Rovers . Portsmouth v Millwall...... Southend v Middlesbrough Tranmere v Derby County... Wolves v Plymouth...

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Rugby v Orrell

Lianelli bring Boobyer and Prootor Into their back division and com-pletely revise their pack from that which played against Neath. Erryr

Meesteg, still seeking their first league win, will hope that Pontypool's slump continues. Lyn and Mark Jones join Pontypool's three-quarter line and Jaces comes into the beck row but the leading try-scoter, Jardine, is attil injured.

Pontypridd v Cardiff

Pontypridd hope to extend their record of five successive wins

Blackpool Rovers v Great Harwood; Boolie v Altrenton UR; Citheros v Maine Rosd; Flatton v Vaushell GM; Nanhvich v St Helens; Penrith v Bradford Park Avenus; Stelmersdale v Eastwood

Henley,
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Haston; Helsteand v Thatford Town; Havenhill v Norwich Utd; Stowmarket v Herwich
and Parkeston: Topinee Utd v Chetteria;
Wildscale Loweticalt
NORTHERN LEAGUE: First divisions
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Northelierton; Gueborough v Brandon;
Aurton v Whittly; Newcastle Blue Star v
West Auckland; Seeham Red Star v
Ferryhil Aft; Shidon v Billingham
Symboniss. Tow Law v Peterlee;
Wildschun v Coonett.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST

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NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST
LEAGUE: Premier division: Belper v
Liversadge, Brigg v Sutton Town: Densiby
Ild v Ecolestiel Utd, Harrogale Relivery v
Ossett Albion, North Ferriby v Winterton
Rangers; North Shieds v Amthorpe
Welfare; Ossett Town v Spennymon;
Pontefreid.

Sheffield.

Sheffield.

GREAT MILLS WESTERN LEAGUE
Premier division: Bristol Manor Parm v
Saltash; Chard v Ottery St Mary; Dawish
v Mangotsfield; Exmouth v Clevedon;
Misehaad v Torrington; Plymouth Argyle v
Tiverton; Taunton v Paulton; Weston-super-Mare v Frome.
SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE; Acds v
Linfield; Ballyclare v Omsgi; Colamine v
Periadone; Crussers v Carrick:

Linfield; Bellyclare v Omagh; Colaraine v Portadown; Crusadere v Carrick; Glenavon v Bangor, Glentoran v Distillary;

Barclays League :

Man City v Southampton (3.25)...

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND; Premier division (3.30): Cork City v Bohemians, Derry v Bray Wanderses; Dundar v Crogheda, Galvay v St Patrick's Athlotic; Shamrock v Athlore.

WOMEN'S IA NATIONAL LEAGUE Premier division: Madatone Tigrassas v Milwali Llonesses; Notis Rangers v

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP (3.0 unless stated): First division: Halitax v Warrington: Hull KR v Widnes (8.16): Leeds v Wigan, Satford V Walrefletd; Swinton v Bradford Second division: Carlssie v Leigh; Oldham v London Crusaders: Ryadele-York v Rochdale (3.15); Workington v Stuffield (1.0). Third division: Doncaster v Barrow; Highfield v Hunslett, Hudderstäed v Whitefled v (3.30); Keighley v Treatford (3.15); Nottingham v Chorley.

HOCKEY

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Semi-

First division

sion are involved in matches outcome.

Bridgend have improved dramatically since they went

Heineken Weish League First division

Lydney v Richmond Nuneaton v Fylde..... ME 2:30 Fourth division north Hereford v Vale of Lune ...

Fourth division south Maidstone v Ealing....... Met Police v High Wycombe....... N Walsham v Weston-s-Mare

McEwan's Scottish League Edinburgh Ac v W of Scotland Melrose v Glasgow HK..... Sellork v Stewart's Mel...... Stirling Co v Jed-Forest.....

Second-division Dunfermime v Royal High.

Taddington (Broomfield School, 2.0).

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain v Australia (Reading, 2.30).

TYPHOO WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE First division: Eating v Chainsford; FP Sutton Coldheid v Yate and South Gloucester; Sherwood v Hightown. Second division: Portsmouth v Bradford, Bracknell v Cambridge, Exmouth v Liverpool; Harleston Maggies v Pickwick.

VOLLEYBALL

Kaynes C Cats v Northampion 86ers (4 D), South Tynesids v Camberley Golden Eagle (2 D); Sunderland v King's Lynn Phoenix (3 30).

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ROYAL BANK MATIONAL LEAGUE: Men: Second division: Maiory is Desired Old Boys: Dynamo London v Gateshead Armisiga, Weymouth Jewson v RAF; Cunich 91 v Essex Estimian, Team Knights. I v.RTB Chester: Eastway Man v Radio Trent Rockets Woman; Frist division: Birmingham v Hilton Leeds: Trafford Volleybell v Wessex Dynamo London v Britannia Music; Southgate v Ashcombe Derking i. Second division: Fusbrook (Portamouth) v Speedwell. Dynamo London 8 v Manchester Utic. Polonia Ladies v Radio Trent Rockets. Reebok: Liverpool City v Chairmiford Partners, Lekeland Ladies v Sperk.

ICE HOCKEY

HEINEKEN NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Cardiff Devils v Billingham Bombers, Murrayfield Racars v Brackneil Bees, Nonwich and Petrobrough Prates v Nettinghem Panthers, Whitley Warnors v Ayr Randers. First division: Lee Velley Lons v Fife Fiyerts Mition Keynes Kings v Telford Tagest; Romford Randers v Besingstöke-Beavers; Trafford Metros v Blackbugn Blackhawks.

Neath v Newbridge Pontypridd v Cardiff...... Second division Abertulery v Aberavon Dunvant v Glamorgan W..... Ebbw Vale v Sth Weles Police Tredegar v Cross Keys. Club matches

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Tumble.

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Brain Cup: Pencoed v Cardiff HSOB
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Senghenydd v Liantvisant, Menmouthshire championship: Premier division:
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Treedear inonades; Gamdrifteth v Aberpavanny Wistsch Central Glamgregen
Laquer First division: CEFN Cribber v
Bridgend Scorts Club, Portheswi v
Maestag Cettic, Namylytion v Bridgend
Athletic; Maestag Cuns v Pyle, Neath
Alhielic v Tondu Jawson Pembrokeshire championship: First division:
Aberysyth v Pembroke. Cardigan v
Neytand Millioen Horth Wales
Languer Bangor University v Dogelau;
Bangor v Rhyt Mold v Pwithelt Llanductino
v Colwyn Bay
LONDON AND SCUTTH EAST: Courage
Clubs Championship: First division:
Chesthurt v Russip, Dorking v Old MidWhitgiffians. Elon Manor v Sultion and
Epsom, Lewes v Thurrock, Old Alleymans
v Old Beytonians Second division:
Chesthurt v Russip, Dorking v Old MidWhitgiffians. Elon Manor v Sultion and
Epsom, Lewes v Thurrock, Old Alleymans
v Old Beytonians Second division
rom: Barking v Norwich, Bishor's
Stortford v Issawch; Latchworth v Harlow;
Old Marchent Taylors' v Woodford,
Tabard v Chingford Sacond division
rom the east Bessidon v Westcali;
Cambridge v Remiderd and Godea Park,
Certabrigien v Canvey Island; Chelmsford v Old Edwardenst; Colchester v
Saffron Wales

Herriford v Upper Claplon.

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prial, Periev v Old Emanuel, Winchester v Gradegh South West: Courage Glubs Champ-jonship: First division: Maidenhead v Britham, Newbury v Conderiord; Reading v Gordon Lodge, St Ives v Cheltenherri. Torqusy v Berry Hill Second division: Henley v Combe Down: Oxford v Metsori. Pernyn v Sherborne, Stroud v Bernstapier Taunton v Abbey, Western Counties: Taunton v Abbey, Western Counties: Laurceston v Clevedon, Oxiehampton v Devon and Conwell Police, Penzance-Newlyn v Gid Celverhwysians, Spertans v Avonmouth: Tiverion v Bridgwater Southern Counties: Dorchester v Grovo. Redingensiana v Blatchley. Swanage and Wareham v Ciney, Wimborne v Benbury, Windsor v Aylesbury Comwell and Devon: Exmouth v Crediton, Hayle v Saltsah, Plymouth CS v South Motton, Sidmouth v Exeler Sgracens: Tergrimouth v Bitletord Gloucester and Somerset-Frome v Coney Hill: Gloucester Old Boys v Cleve. Whatehall v Crencester. Weiscombe v Dings Crusaders, Berkshire, Dorset and Witshire: Corsam v Brackned; Metksham v North Oorsor Swindon v Swindon College. Wysmouth v Devizes. Wootton Bassett v Bournemouth Polytecthic.

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PIZZA EXPRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: East Grastead v Southgate (3) Hill 2.15) Second division: Harborne v Cantectury (Four Crosses Ground Cannock 130) NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Bucharts v Ford, Pelcans v Beshop s Stortland First division. Leavich and East Suffack v Rechnage and fillord Speaking v Southond SCOTTISM NATIONAL LEAGUE: Series SCOTTISH NATIONAL LEAGUE: FIRST

Hightown SCOTTISH WOMEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE: First division: Grove v Boroughmur: Henot-Watt SCPE v Westorn A. Hyndiand v Edinburgh University.

SOUTH OF ENGLAND LEAGUE: First

OTHER SPORT

(Addershot).

BOWLS: English women's national championships (Stevenage)

Southempton v UPP BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bacup Bor v Ashton Utd; Hearts v St Johnstone.....

MONEY SEPOSITS !! PARECIOUS METALS BY

McColgan follows indoor route for outdoor title

BY DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

LONG gone are the days South Africa. But, in Boston when international crosscountry courses would have made good punishment for recalcitrant schoolboys. You can still get an occasional mudbath in Britain - the English men's national at Milton Keynes in 1985 was a squelcher - but the world cross-country championships have become track races by another name.

By 1975 the pattern had begun to emerge. Rabat, in Morocco, welcomed the runners not only with a six-lap trotting track but stilling heat. Athletes brought up on severe winters were unable to cope. "You had the Jim Peters upic happening every five minutes towards the end of each race," Ian Stewart re-called this week. Not with Stewart. He won, and no hands on a world title since. Nor has a British woman,

next Saturday, Liz McColgan will be the joint favourite with Lynn Jennings, of the United States, to win a title which Zola Budd (briefly of England) won twice in the 1980s. McColgan, like Stewart, is a Scot. And, like Stewart, she thinks that running crosscountry is no way to prepare for a world cross-country championship.

Stewart's victory in Rabat came seven days after he had won the European indoor 3.000 metres in Katowice. It was the middle of March and his first cross-country race of the year. Next Saturday's race will be McColgan's first cross-country of the year. Tobefore, she runs a 3,000 metres indoors.

"Because of the nature of the race it is the best way to prepare," Stewart, now Brit-Nor has a British woman, at least none born outside country coach, said. The oc-

Olympic double is beyond Johnson

MICHAEL Johnson, the world 200 metres champion. whose appearance in the Olympic 400 metres would darken Roger Black's prospects of a gold medal for Britain, will not attempt the double in Barcelona this summer despite the International Amateur Athletic Federation's (IAAF) timetable alteration to try to tempt him (David Powell writes).

The schedule is still not conducive to a 200-400 metres double, so my plans are the same," Johnson said yesterday. The IAAFs original timetable had both finals on the same evening but now they are a day apart. When

juggling was done to separate the 400 and 800 metres for Alberto Juantorena in the 1976 Olympics, the Cuban took advantage to win both. However, Johnson would

have to run the 400 metres final two-and-a-half hours after the 200 metres semifinals. "I could win two gold medals, or three with the re-lay." he said, "but it is also possible that running eight races in six days could take a serious toll on my body. I have never done that and it is too important to me to win one gold medal to take the chance. I have not decided metres or the 400."

casion today is the Vauxhall international between Britain and the United States at the Birmingham indoor arena. The notion is catching on -Lisa York, the English crosscountry champion who is in the team for Boston, runs in the mile.

"Liz is on to a winner," Stewart said. "The world cross-country is a very fast race, whether women's or men's. It is alien to crosscountry as we know it in this country. When I won it I was at 3,000 metres in 8min 13sec and it was like a 10,000 metres race. In 1972 I had made a conscious effort to win the world cross-country and finished third. I had not run indoors that year but went the traditional cross-

country route."

McColgan has set a world best for the half-marathon (67min 11sec) and an indoor world record for 5,000 metres (15min 03.17sec) this year, but would be chancing her powers of recovery if she tried today for Elly van Hulst's 3,000 metres world record of 8min 33.82sec. McColgan has the option of a quick, but not punishing.

The most interesting races should be the 60 metres, in which Jason Livingston races Linford Christie for the first time this winter, and the mile, in which John Mayock meets Matthew Yates. Mayock, coming from seventh at the bell, won the European silver medal over 3,000 metres a fortnight ago and Yates the gold in the 1,500 metres.

Yates recognises the danger which the developing Mayock and his fast finish represents. "He's good, isn't he," Yates said. Yates is not normally found wanting in projecting his own prospects, but fear ruled. Mayock's chances? "I will be worried

LET'S get one thing straight from the start about the Tote

Gold Cup at Cheltenham: Carvill's Hill, a very good

horse with many more wins to come, failed to win not just

because another horse took

him on from the start. He

failed to win because his al-ways-suspect jumping let

him down from the first

Sections of the horse rac-

ing world were yesterday sug-gesting that Jenny Pitman did not fight fair when she

sent Golden Freeze out with

clear instructions to try to

knock Peter Scudamore's

I have seldom heard such

nonsense. Pitman may smile

to find me writing a few lines

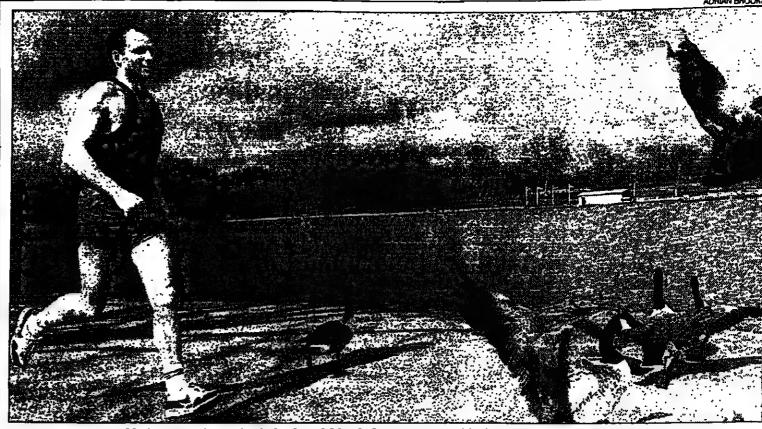
in praise of her but what she

did was in the best traditions

and spirit of National Hunt

mount off his stride.

racing.



Birds of a kind: Watson has only his feathered friends for company on his dawn patrol alongside the River Thames

Watson puts his trust in early sacrifice

BY AUX RAMSAY

MARK Watson vowed when he left the Britannia Royal Naval College that never again would he get up at 6am to go running. "For six weeks while we were training, they would drag us out of bed to run. It can scar you for life," he said. But then he started training for the ADT London Marathon.

Watson is running for the Trevor Jones Trust, a charity which tries to help sports-men with spinal injuries re-

dapt to life in a wheelchair. Watson met Jones in the Navy where they were both pilots. Jones left in 1988, a tetraplegic, after breaking his neck in a skiing accident. "Most personal insurance

policies exclude dangerous sports," Watson, aged 38, said. "Trevor was given £5,000 after the accident which was nowhere near what he needed. The vehicles and chairs, which dis-abled people need to try and regain some sort of indepen-

The charity not only provides financial support to buy motorised wheelchairs which can cost anything up to £15,000, it also aims to promote the need for extensive insurance cover for

Always a keen runner, Watson's best distance of 800 metres "is a long way removed from the marathon". But with his place assured, he is determined to complete the race even if he ends up walking. A manage-ment consultant, Watson

plans to put his contacts book to good use to raise his initial target of £5,000. And as for those dawn

runs alongside the river? "I

used to think it was only madmen who were out at that time. But now I realise it's a great time of day."

The Times and Unisys. the official ADT London Marathon computer service hope that by featuring the

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Unisys is offering a Unisys personal computer to the biggest fund raiser and a jeroboam and magnum of champagne respectively to

BOWLS: FAIRHALL RETURNS AFTER INJURY FOR ATHERLEY IN YETTON TROPHY

Brown leads Colchester to success in triples

BRENDA Brown, of Colchester, who won the English women's indoor pairs championship at York three years ago, added the triples at Stevenage yesterday, skip-ping Joyce Foster and Gill Cousins to a 17-6 success over Pat Mann, Beryl Tricker and Margaret Insley, of Ipswich. The Coichester team's eff-

HENRY KELLY

This is a highly competitive sport. The world and his wife

knew that Carvill's Hill was a

dodgy jumper, although the

way he jumped around

Chepstow to win the Weish

National caused most of us

to think that maybe he had

got it right. I retained linger-ing doubts even then. I wrote

to this effect and backed up

iclency was such that in their four matches they scored 92 shots and conceded only 25. No other triple recorded double figures against them.
The final was closer than

the result suggests. Inswich played gamely with little luck. Colchester usually had more bowls in the head, Brown thinking ahead all the time sponding to her prompting.

bias), decided to see if this scheme might work. It did. The fact that it worked for

Cool Ground and not for her

is irrelevant. Besides, Carvil's Hill made such a

mess of the first fence before

way that he was fucky to

Then, enigmatic as he is, he jumped the second fence

in front of the stands so

beautifully it took the breath away. Then, out into the

the race was properly under-

In the semi-finals, Ipswich. Moat Park, but Brown's trisurvived two moments of potential crisis to defeat Leicester 20-12. Five down on one end, Insley drew second shot and, six down on a later end, she got in to save

The other match was more cut and dried with Coichester beating Mote Park, skipped by Diane Sekler 16-6. Sandy Hatell bowled well at lead for

happened if the other horses

had taken him on. Some

people thought I was unnec-

Why critics should not jump on Pitman's script

ple moved smoothly forward, Cousins rolling in a front toucher at 12-5 when the head was building in Moat Park's favour. The championships, which

return to Stevenage next year. end today with the final stages of the Yetton Trophy inter-dub competition. Darlington play Tilbury and Angel play Atheriey, who hope to

she slipped and fell in the injuring her back and a hand. and had to concede the pairs semi-final at Stevenage on

Quality based on strong opinions

BY RICHARD EVANS, RACING CORRESPONDENT

NO TIMEFORM, no comment. Whether you are a breeder, owner, jockey or punter, it is virtually impossible to come out on top without reference to the racing publications emanating from the sages of Halifax.

Much has been written over the years - and rightly so - about the professionalism and quality which underpins all of their works. But the most valuable ingredient of the Timeform organisation is the inherent willingness to express a view — which often flies in the face of accepted racing wisdom - based on an interpretation of the facts and evidence available.

So often a remark contained in the weekly black books, or the ione of an essay in the racehorse annuals, can lead to a profitable reconsideration of the merit of a par-

ticular horse or race.

Of course, there are occasions when expressing a strong opinion can, in time. result in a serious amount of egg landing on one's face never more so than in the unpredictable world of horse

For example, a reading of the essay on Generous in Rucehorses of 1990 would not have encouraged many people to back Paul Cole's Dewhurst Stakes winner for the Derby, let alone the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes. The reservations expressed a year ago clearly still rankle at

In the recently published Rucehorses of 1991, an arti-

PETER Bolton, the property

developer who spent millions

to finance a uitra-modern

racing complex, was yester-

day basking in the glory of the ultimate advertising coup.

Bolton is certain Cool Ground's Cheltenham Gold

Cup triumph will place his

lavish Whitcombe Manor

racing stables in Dorset on

Cool Ground, owned by

Bolton's Whitcombe Racing

Limited, is the flagship of the

company, and he is confident

the success will attract more

Up until now Whiteombe

has hit the headlines for

the sporting map.

horses to the yard.

cle on Generous admits: Readers of Racehorses of 1990 won't need reminding (neither do we!) of our view that 'enterprising placement might be necessary if he's to

win more good races." Needless to say. Timeform's opinion of Generous is now somewhat different. Despite being well beaten by Suave Dancer in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, "he was, in our view, without question the best racehorse in Europe in

Racehorse annuals serve two purposes. They provide a wonderful reminder of the highlights of the previous Flat campaign — and provide pointers to which horses will be making the headlines in the summer ahead.

One of the debates in the run-up to this year's Derby will be whether Seattle Rhyme, David Elsworth's ante-post favourite, will stay one-and-a half miles. Timeform warns that "his pedigree is lighter on stamina that one would expect to see in a potential Derby winner and we shouldn't be certain that he'll be fully effective at

the distance." At £68, the annual can hardly be described as cheap. but quality usually has a price. My one regret about the book is that it does not contain a table of time figures, which often identify good two-year-olds at an early stage in their careers. They would be a useful addition. □ Racehorses of 1991

changes in tenant trainers.

The original incumbent, Richard Mitchell, was re-

placed by Reg Akehurst who,

after only one year in the job. returned to his Epsom base.

Toby Balding now hold the

reins and Bolton hopes to

shortly announce the name of

a another trainer to share the

The ultimate promotion will be achieved if Cool

Ground pulls off the Gold

Cup-Grand National double

in three weeks' time. Bolton

has a betting slip tucked away

in his office draw, £10 each-

way the double at 250-1.

facilities.

West Yorkshire) £68.

Bolton basking in glory of

Cool Ground's triumph

MANDARIN

2.20 Trevaylor. 2.50 Timur's King. 3.20 CALL ME EARLY (nap). 3.50 Dakyns Boy. 4.20 Hotplate. 4.50 Flakey Dove. THUNDERER

CHEPSTOW

2.20 Trevaylor. 2.50 Timur's King. 3.20 Hey Cortage. 3.50 Boll Weevil. 4.20 Tom Bir. 4.50 Flakey Dove. Richard Evans: 2.50 Timur's King. 4.50 Flakey Dove.

GOING. SOFT (HEAVY PATCHES)

2.20 FARRIERS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,586: 2m) (4 runners) 1 2240 EVENING RAIN 4 (D.F.G.8) R Hodges & 11-10

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2.50 HARE AND HOUNDS NOVICES

HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,052: 3m) (16) 1 3613 MUGONI BEACH 14 (D.G.S) M Pipe 7-11-11

2 24F2 CLIFTON HAMPDEN 12 Lady Herries 4-10-9

3 3-P4 SERYL'S JOKE 22 (B) R Beker B 10-9 w McFarland 4 824 MIGH BARON 11 R Amer 5-10-6 Mr M Hourigan (7) 5 P-56 GROOM PORTER 25 (B,8F) M Ppe 6-10-5 M Foster (3) 6 0010 TMAUR S KING 15 (6) S Medor 5-10-3 S Earle 7 PP-3 CASTLEBAY LAD 32 J Okd 3-10-3 — T Grandbarn 5 PP-5 RHFFIRSWCK 77 P Jones 6-10-1 — G Upton 9 0121 DESPERATE 9 (0.5) N Tweston-Davies 4-10-0 CL Lieusaben

7-2 Mugoni Bench. 4-1 Desperate 5-1 High Baron, 6-1 Cittor Hampden, 6-1 Timur's King, 10-1 Castlebay Laid, 12-1 others 3.20 STEEL PLATE AND SECTIONS YOUNG CHASERS QUALIFIER (Novices, £2.581; 2m 4l) (5)

1 03 CALL ME EARLY 49 A Turnet 7 11 2 \$ Michells 2 003P CHARLIE DICKERS 7 (\$1 \$ Motor 8-11-2 \$ Earle 3 48-3 MEY COTTAGE 15 (G,\$) D McCan 7-11-2 Mr. O McCain (7) E-4 Hey Cottage, 2-1 Call Me Early, 3-1 OK Correl, 6-1 Charlie Dicture, 50-1 Depping.

was like someone learning to knit: lift one, drop one. You cannot expect to win

my view with a few bob on Thursday against Carvill's The one tactic that bad never been employed against Martin Pipe's horse was to take him on, to niggle at him, let him think he wasn't such

a great star and see if it ruld put him off his stride. Pitman, who had another horse in the race with a chance of winning (Toby To-

country for the first time, he the Gold Cup against the best steeplechasers in the world if you are an uncertain

3.50 BEAGLES NOVICES HURDLE

(£1,926: 2m) (13)

A few years ago, when Desert Orchid won the King George VI Chase at

Kempton on Boxing Day. I

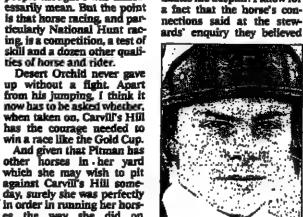
has the courage needed to win a race like the Gold Cup. And given that Pitman has other horses in her yard which she may wish to pit against Carvill's Hill some day, surely she was perfectly in order in running her hors-

es the way she did on

GOING: FIRM

Thursday.

One other point the non-sense of standing down Adri-



an Maguire, the winning jockey, for four days for ex-

cessive use of the whip

makes me despair. I know for

a fact that the horse's con-

nections said at the stew-

Maguire: four-day ban

won but for being whipped. Cool Ground is the type of who responds to a smack and emerges none the worst.

And I know for a fact that at least one steward on the enquiry panel admitted af-terwards this view was prob-ably right but felt the had more to do with publicity and the public image of rac-ing than alleged cruelty to

antimals. No one who saw a great Gold Cup race will ever forget it. And if you didn't like Pitman's tactics, then at

from the stewards

least Toby Balding. Peter Bolton, Maguire, and Cool Ground did . . . and Balding has even promised to give Jenny a kiss of thanks: may-be in front of 45,000 people at next year's Gold Cup.

THE RESTRICTED

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3.45 NORTHERN CHAMPION JUVENILE HANDICAP HURDLE (4-Y-O: £7,310: 2m) (10)

1 2121 DIZZY 22 (D.S) P Montenth 12 0 A Dobbin (7) 2 2116 CAROMANDOO 14 (D.C.S) B Marry 11 7 P Midgley (1) 3 119 AZUREIS 170 (D.B.F.) Nive G Reveloy (6) 1 R Hodge (7) 4 12 MAGGIES LAD 14 (F)L Codd (6) 11 C Grant 5 8140 SGMOR SASSE 8 (D.B.F.G.S) N Trivie (6) G MidGourt 6 1023 SET THE STANDARDS 14 (D.F) A Whitens 108

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1 3044 EMERALD VENTURE 12 I Caldingle 5 11-7

2 SS45 CAPTARI MANNERRIG 11 (V) L Coord 7:14 G McCourt
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5113 DERRINORE 21 (0 5) J Johnson 7 120 J Titley (3)
5212 JUST FRANKIE 63 (0 BF.F G) Wh. G Rovely, 8 120
R Hodge (5)
T Reed 3 1R3P ROSSVILLE 2 (D G) J Chamton 7 11 8 T Hodge (5)
4 6F32 ENSHARP 8 J Levih 6 11 2 M Brewnan
5 6045 MR POD 11 R Lamh 6 11 2 N Smith (3)
6 1213 GALE AGAIN 28 (C.BF.F) W A Stephenson 5 11 0 C Grant
7 3UF/ CARAT STICK 1057 (C.BF S) F Wallon 12 10-11
K JORDON

B P620 MANCY ARDROSS 23 (D) B Maclaggart 6 10 11

2-1 Demmore 3-1 Gale Again 4-1 Ensharp 6-1 Rossville. 8-1 Just Frankie 10-1 Nancy Ardross, 12-1 others

5.15 KINGSTON PARK HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,469: 2m 41) (5)

1 1FFF GOSPEL ROCK 19 (C.F.S) P Calver 8-11-10 T Reed 2 FP01 FIEFDOM 21 (GD.F.G.S) W Storey 12-11-7 K Doolan 3 11F0 CHARLOTTE S EMMA 29 (D.F.G) Mrs J Goodfellow 5-10-13 R Hodge (S) 4 -300 THE LAUGHING LORD 79 (F) W A Siephenson 6-10-8 Mr A Thornton (7)

5 -OPO SILENT RING 25 (B.F.G) N Waggott 6-10-0 6-4 Furldom, 2-1 Gaspet Rock, 11-2 Charlotte s Emma, 8-1 The Laughing Lord, 10-1 Silent Ring

NEWCASTLE MANDARIN

2.15 Over The Deel. 2.45 Hornblower. 3.15 Straight Pilot. 3.45 Avro Anson. 4.15 Jim's Wish. 4.45 Gale Again. 5.15 Gospel Rock. THUNDERER

2.15 Old Applejack. 2.45 Buck Owens, 3.15 Paddy Hayton, 3.45 Sillars Stalker, 4.15 Jim's Wish, 4.45 Gale Again, 5.15 Fieldom. Brian Bed: 3.15 Paddy Hayton.

2.15 MATFEN HANDICAP CHASE
(£2,635: 3m) (3 runners)

1 3122 OLD APPLEJACK 7 (CD.8F.F G.8) J. J. Market 12 11 10
J. Tidey (3)

2 1432 OVER THE DEEL 22 (D.BF.F.G.S) W A Stephenson

10 11 Old Apprepair 2 t Over The Deel 5 t Want You There

5 -204 BASSO PROFUNDO 8 W Rund 5 11 3 T Reed
4 0 BORDER MISSION 22 (25 S Takes 6 11 3 T Calestian
5 -002 NODFORM WORDER 10 (F) 0 603, 511 3 G McCoort
6 FIDS TIMBURS LUCK 53 1 Cadace 6 11 3 Peter Catherel
7 DOUGLAS REGIE (75 S Turb, 4 10 5 Mr N Tutty
8 OUF THE WENDY HORSE 11 (25 S Smith 4 10 0 Mr C Mulhall

138 Horntstadt 72 Notions Wonder 41 Buch Chiefs 61 Times. Luck 81 Basco Profundo 12-1 Border Misson 141 others

4.5 Paddy Havion 4.1 Straight Pilot, 5.1 Andrew B-1 Con vincing 10.1 True Few 12.1 The Pride Of Pokey 14-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Alner, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; M Pipe, 50 from 167, 29.9%, J Griford, 15 from 79, 18.0%, N Twiston-Davies, 4 from 26, 15.4%, J Edwards, 9 from 59, 15.3%, R Holder, 9 from 60, 15.9%.

JOCKEYS: N Hawks, 7 winners from 35 ndes, 20.0%; N Mann, 3 from 28, 10.7% (Only qualifiers).

1 1151 PADDY HAYTON 4 (CD F G S) S Leadbetter 11 11 13

3.15 NORTHUMBERLAND HUSSARS

HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs £2,758 3m) (8)

3 -PST WAIT YOU THERE 10 (C.F.O.S) H ATT ALCOH

2.45 ROTHBURY NATIONAL HUNT

NOVICES HURDLE (£1,604: 2m 4f) (8)

4.20 CAVALIER HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,005: 2m 4f) (10)

5-4 Patosku, 7-2 Dakyns Boy, 6-1 Boll Wesvil, 8-1 Nove Sp ID-1 Meadow Cottage, 12-1 Buonerotti, 14-1 others.

1 -31F MOTPLATE 15 (C.S) D McCain 9-12-0 . D McCain (7) 2 Duff AMERICAY GLEN 35 (B.F.G) M Pipe 8-10-13 F Mornier (3) 3 1530 TOM BR 15 (D.F.G.S) A Tumel 10-10-2 . M Armylage 4 1345 SIGWWHAL 12 (CD.B.F.G.S) 7 Thomson Jense 8-10-8

52 Errant Knight, 3-1 Hotplate, 7-2 Tom Br., 4-1 Skinnhill, 6-1 Aher-low Glen, 12-1 Pop Song, 16-1 Bromo, 20-1 others.

4.50 HORSESHOE HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,917: 2m) (6)

5-4 Flakey Dove, 5-2 Kino. 9-2 Tarkovsky, 6-1 Mariners Mirror, 12-1 Martress JJ, 25-1 Peche D'Or

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS L Codd 3 witners from 7 runners 42.9% N Timbler 10 from 40 25.0% M M Estilebt. 19 from 79 24.1% W A Stophenson 54 from 247, 21.3% J Johnson 13 from 60 21.7% Mrs G Reveley 12 from 58 20.7% JOCKEYS G McCourt 13 winners from 53 ndes 24 Sts D Byrne 8 from 34 23.5% G want 34 from 149, 22 8ts, K Jehnson B hard 38, 21 1ts, R Gentily 6 from 36, 16 7ts, T Reed, 16 from 108, 14 8ts.

Racing next week

MONDAY: Newcastle, Wolverhampton. TUESDAY: Notlingham, Fontwell Park, WEDNESDAY: Worcester, Kelso, Southwell (AW) THURSDAY: Doncaster, Towcester, Devon & Exeter, FRIDAY: Doncaster, Newbury, Ludlow, SATURDAY: Doncaster, Newbury, Sengor, Hexham, Lingfield Park (AW). (Flat meetings in bold)

DEEP Colonist, who was tak-en out of Tuesday's Fulke

Walwyn Kim Muir Chase at

the Cheltenham festival in

favour of Uttoxeter today, can

reward connections by win-

ning the Ansells National

After an absence of two

years, Deep Colonist returned

to form by winning his last

two races in excellent style.

The strength of these contests

may not amount to much, but

he showed outstanding form

when beating Waterloo Boy

at Worcester three years ago. However, I feel, despite his advancing years, that he has retained his ability and has

the class to win this four-mile

contest Also, Lorcan Wyer's

mount is well-treated at the

weights with only ten stone on

winner, will again be a tough nut to crack, but he has yet to show any enthusiasm for rac-ing this season. River

Tarquin, the Irish raider

from Jim Dreaper's yard,

appears a far greater danger. At Naas last time out, he

was an unlucky loser when

falling at the final fence with

his race won. Prior to that, he showed useful form when suc-

cessful at Navan and Naas.

Bishops Island, the winner of three Irish point-to-points,

has adapted well to hurdles

and can take the Ind Coope

Burton Brewery National Hunt Novices' Hurdle, At

Warwick last time out, he

DRAW: 5F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.25 IN THE FRAME CLAIMING STAKES

2.23 IN THE FRAME CLAIMING 6: (£2,905: 7f) (11 runners)

1 1120 AFRICAN CHIMES 7 (CD,F) W O'Gormen 56-7
Emma O'Gormen (8) 8

2 802 GABBIADINI 73J (C,D,F) M Tompidne 59-2
C Hedgeon (8) 1

3 050 BREEZED WELL 287 (D,F,S) C Alen 56-11
4 06-0 NORTHERN VISION 18J (8,8,8) P Blockley 56-11
K Fallon 8

1 8-11 HORIZON 8 (B,CD,F,G) T Thomson Jones 4-10-0

9-4 Horizon, 3-1 Broom Isle, 9-2 Lord Heatle, 6-1 Mitjed, 8-1 Dawn Success, 10-1 Paper Craft, 13-1 Qualitat Flyer, 14-1 others.

(£10,820: 77) (15)

1 1143 POP TO STANS 6 (CD,8F,F) T Barron 9-7
Alex Greaves 8
2 100- WILD HONOUR 178 (F,S) W Mult 9-7. 8 Whitworth 8
3 295- MASTER PLANNER 225 (F) C Cycar 8-8. 6 Carter 8
4 18-8 SMPEEKA 15 (H,CD) W O'German 9-5
Etcans 0' Sorman (S) 7
1 MATIVE DOL 22 (CD) J Familians 9-4 W FI Switchers 2,
6 1 DAROS 17 (C) Mrs J Ramader 9-8 W FI Switchers 2,
7 1 SAND 178LE 55 (D) Leath Humington 9-1 B Rismond 10
8 014- PARLEMO 78 (D) J Bailing 8-9 R Hint 1
8 - 423 EARLY STAR 29 (CBP T Becon 8-7 K Darley 3
101 4141 BASSIO 21 N/C,OUF F/G) C Alm 9-7 K December 1
11 3120 SUDDY 31 CG) M Bail 8-1 M P Turner (7) 12
12 031- DEBSY DO 105 (CD) 8 Noten 80 F P Noten (9) 4
13 3861 BROTHERLYAFFECTION 22 (CD) R Hoffministed 7-19
M Humphrise (7) 9

5-2 Native Idol, 7-2 Sand Table, 5-1 Darcs, 5-1 Empasia, 5-1 Pop To Stans, 10-1 Early Star, 12-1 Buddy, 14-1 others.

3.25 SMOKESCREEN HANDICAP

(£10,820: 7f) (15)

Lingfield Park

Going: good (good to firm back straight)
2.00 (2m holle) 1, ARASIAN BOLD (J
Keverragh, 12·1); 2, San Lorenzo (A Tory,
8·1); 3, Maddagans Grey (M Pitman, 5-2 fitay). A LSO FAN: 5-2 fi-tay The Black
Monk, 15-2 Tactical Mession, 8 Dibtoom, 9
Rayacio (5th), 14 Sun Surfer (4th), 33
Aruncus (pu), De La Billiere (8th), 30
Aruncus (pu), De La Billiere (8th), Menacoms (pu), Sakii (ur), Sea Breaker
(pu), 50 Robins Relum (pu), 14 ran, 24t),
101, 81, bd. 24t). N Henderson at
Lambourn. Tote: £11.80; 22.50, 23.20,
£1.40, DF: £29.40, CSF: £84.45,
2.30 (2m bds) 1, PREDESTINE (J Kava-

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5223,93. Bought in 4,200gma.
3.00 (3m ch) 1, RIVERTINO (6 Moore, 71): 2, Kalledan Lad (Mr. J Wingfleid Digby, 33-1); 3, Nougast Russe (6 Maude, 6-1); 4, So Rah, 9-4 fav Chernyfill Beauty (ur), 4 Carrickrovaddy (ur), Formal (h, 14 Major Leegue (pu), 15 Pensionner Patch (pu), 20 Ultrason (h, Wisebow (4th), Ch So Bold (6th), 33 All Gold Boy (ur), Sovien Invader (5th), 15 ran NR: Autumn Crystel, 25, 25, 11 12 at p. Mischell at Epogen. Tote:

2.55 DEAD CERT HANDICAP

2.25 Faynaz. 2.55 Majed. 3.25 Native Idol. 3.55 Qualitair Idol. 4.25 Crail Harbour. 4.55 Blake End.

2.25 African Chimes. 2.55 Horizon. 3.25 Native Idol. 3.55 Mad Militant. 4.25 Orient Air. 4.55

opened his account over tim-

MANDARIN

THUNDERER

Bonanza Boy, last year's

Handicap Chase.

Deep Colonist looks

when

Somersaulting by 15 lengths.
The David Nicholson-

trained gelding clearly has immense ability and should

win at the expense of the Martin Pipe-trained Terao.

Pipe, however, can be on

the mark with Bighayir in the Centurion Commercials

Claiming Hurdle. The five-

year-old will appreciate this

considerable drop in class.

For the nap, I expect Call
Me Early to continue Jim

Joel's recent run of good for-

tune in the Steel Plate And

Sections Young Chaser Qual-

From his two outings over

fences, the gelding has shown steady improvement to suggest a race awaits him. He

was a promising third behind

Bounden Duty over two miles

ifier at Chepstow.

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55.40 CSF: £14.49, Tricast: £82.14, 4.00 (2m hcte) 1, CONE LANE (R Guest, 3-1); 2, Kino (A 8 Smith, 11-10 tay); 3, Present Times (G Moore, 3-1), ALSO RAN: 10 Sing The Stees (4th), 25 Noble Eyre (6th), 33 Necona (5th), 6 ran, 3½, 15, 16, 12, 25, 18 Gubby at Bagahot, Tote: £4.40; £2.20, £1.30, DF: £3.70, CSF: £5.58. 28.58.
4.30 (3m ch) 1, LAST EXTRAVAGANCE (AF R Alner, 3-1); 2. Expensive Lark (Mr P Hacking, 9-2), ALSO RAN: 2 fav Chanca Buy (4th), 8 New Part (f), 20 Disco Trix (pu), Duck Or Grouse (pu), Freming Blaze (ur), Zelsemafi (pu), 25 Gunner Jim (pu), 33 Buck And Skip (pu), 50 Union Gusy (5th), Westcroft Lad (pu), 13 ren. Nit: Near Exchange, 10), 20, 4, 7t. M Churches at Walls. Tols: 23.80; 22.00, 23.30, 21.50. DF. 210.10. CSF: 248.71.
5.00 (1m St Ball 1, ROW REE OAr M. DF. £10.10. CSF: £48.71.
5.00 (Im St Rat) 1. ROW FIEE (Ar M Hourigen, 2-1 (r-law); 2. Red Beam (A Dicken, 8-1); 3. Bellmy Breeze (A Procter, 20-1). ALSO FAN: 2 (r-law Peerded, 5 Num So Game (8th), 8 Lily Of Picerdy (5th), 12 Baryta, 18 Wordy's Wonder (4th), 20 Don't Let Me Down, 25 Ladycroft, 10 ran. 15, 5, 5, 8, 151. P Hobbs at Minehead. Tote: (5.90; £1.80, £2.80, £3.00. DF. £19,90, CSF: £20.09.

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rence, 7-2); 2, Rich Neghew (D Murphy, 3-1 tav); 3, Little Torn (J Kavanagh, 9-1), ALSO RAN: 7-2 Way Of Life (8th), 13-2 Cherry Chap (5th), 12 Sharpgun (4th), Tensolous (pu), 16 Party Prince (pu), 20 Affaire De Cosur (pu), 33 Mistly Les (pu), 60 Affaire De Cosur (pu), 33 Mistly Les (pu), 60 Al Skeet, Blue Eneign (ur), 12 ran. 8, 11, 2161, 134, 81. A Turnell at East Hendred, Tote: 24-40: \$1.90, 21.50, \$22.00. DP: 55-40 CSF: \$14.48. Trienst: \$32.14.

Jackpot: £20,525.00. Placepot: £31.50.

Going: good (becoming good to soft)

Fakenham 2.20 (2m 80 or (becoming good to soft) 2.20 (2m 80 or hole) 1, Bewin (M Ahem, 9-4), 2, The Hidden City (11.6 feet; 3, Top it All (11.2), 7 ran. 4l, 31st. J Jenlens. Tote: 53.20; 52.10, £1.60, DF; £2.30, CSF; £6.02. 25.02.
2.50 (3m oh) 1. Country "Cap (Mr D Townsend, 5-4 tay); 2, Young Affe (12-1); 3, Sanamar (6-1). B ran. B, 101. R Townsend. Tote: £2.00; £1.40, £8.40, £1.70. DF: £23.70. CSF: £15.83.
3.20 (2m 5i 110yd ch) 1, Loch Blue (Mr C Burnatt Welfs, 11-6 tay); 2, Pohygorum (15-8); 3, Franl Spring (7-1), 3 ran. 4, 163. S Dow. Tote: £2.70; £1.50, £1.70, £1.50. DF: £2.30. CSF: £4.78.
3.50 (2m 80yd nole) 1, Vs Lute (P 22.30. CSF: £4.78.
3.50 (2m 80yd nois) 1, Vs Lute (P Hughes, 5-2):-6x9: 2. Holyport Victory (12-1); 3. Stralght Laced (14-1). Spanish Whisper 5-2]:-fav. 8 an. 4, 3%! P Nicholia. Tole: £3.00; £1.90, £3.20, £5.00. DF: £129.40. CSF: £32.16. Tricant: £145.03.

Going: good 2.10 (2m hole) 1. Caspian Mist (P Niven. 4-1); 2. Alvenys Ready (9-4 tary; 3. Mountehannon (16-1). 16 ran. NR: Merina cas. 19t. 19t. M Pipe. Tota: E4.50; 21.90, 21.70; 25-40. DF: 27.90. CSP: 213.51. 21.70, 59.40. DF: 27.90. CSF: C13.51. 2.40 (2m 4f ch) 1. Colonel C'icelly (N Hawke, 16-1): 2. Haddon Lad (20-1): 3. Spark Of Pacce (9-1): 4. Regal Estate (8-1). Tribal Ruler, Alan Ball, Hot Company 13-2 jt-fev. 16 ran. hd. 1½!, D Berors. Tote: 214.80; c2.00. 24.90, 22.20, 22.60. DF: 2403.90. CSF: 2272.31. Tricast: 2279.81.

Wolverhampton

4.20 (2m 5/ 110)rd ch) 1, Ebony Sweil (P Midgley, 9-2); 2, Rein De Tout (33-1); 3, Datallins (7-2), Another Schedule 5-2 isv. 10 ran. 20, 101. S Camplom, Totic 26,00; 21,60, 26,40, 52,00. DF; 2492.00. CSF: 2117.40. Tricast: 2551.64. 4.50 (2m 60yd hdle) 1, Swein Walk (5 D Williams, 3-1); 2, Jan-Re (4-5 fav); 3, Tautool (9-2), 6 ran. NF: Sphlax, 34), 17d. Mrs N Macauley, Totic 25,00; 21,60, 21,30. DF; 23,80. CSF; 26,16.

DF: £403.90. CSF: £272.31. Tricest: £2759.81.
3.10 (2m hole) 1. Comerneol (Dele McKgown, 9-2): 2. Light-Hearted Lady (5-4 fav): 3. Kandiyatha (20-1). 12 ran. NR: Stane Street. 12l, sh hd. J. Akahurat. Tota: £5.20; £2.20, £1.50; £1.50. DF: £3.20. CSF: £9.97. Sold J. Berkar 6,200gra.
3.40 (3m f1 ch) 1, Rocktor (N Hawkes, 13-2); £ Red Rondo (J. Osborne, 8-1): 3. Investion (4-1 lav). 15 ran. NR: Weight Problem. 3WI, 7. D Barons. Tota: £7.10; £2.80, £2.20, £2.50. DF: £26.50. CSF: £4.13 Triesse: £217.96.
4.10 (2m ch) 1, Far Over Struy (J. Osborne, 4-9 fav; Mandarin's nap); £, Boston Rover (M Brannan, 14-1); 3, Touching Star (G McCourt, 2-1), £2 ren. 7, 101. O Sharwood. Tota: £1.50; £1.30, £2.50, £1.70. DF: £7.10. CSF. £7.75.
4.40 (2m hole) 1, Cream And Green (D J. Mottatt, 4-1); 2, Ataturk (14-1); 3, Precipice Run (IV Doughty, 10-1). Amour Royal 7-4 fav. 10 ran. 10l, 8. K. White. Tota: £4.90; £2.30, £4.00, £2.50. DF: £3.80. CSF. £2.80, £6.00, £2.50. DF: £3.80. CSF 249.86.
5.10 (2m hdis) 1, Nevada Gold (D Byrne, 14-1); 2, Ptolemy (12-1); 3, Sterling Buck (D Leahy, 25-1) Century Port 5-4 fev. 18 ran. NF: Trojan Call. 8, sh hd. Mrs 3 hinns, Totar 223.50; 25.0, 25.70. DF: 243.40. CSF: £188.87. After stewards' englisy, result stand.

Blinkered first time SOUTHWELL: 2.25 Morpick, 2.55 Paper Craft, 4.55 Jeromic, Shadaviou.

Placepot: £93,20.

Baron Bob to win again for in-form Alner

on attractive mark of The Times Championship qualifier at the New Forest point-to-point today.

> MANDARIN

Haydock. At Lingfield, I expect Reg Akehurst to complete a dou-ble with Dara Doone and Man On The Line. The form

outstanding.
Flakey Dove, who finished runner up-to Dara Doone at Dusty Miller, who finished third behind the selection at Man On The Line, a for-

Wyer: fancied to win

at Wolverhampton last time Bounden Duty was far from disgraced when sixth behind Young Pokey in the Arkle Chase at Cheitenham on Tuesday.

Donald McCain-trained Hey Cottage appears to be the main danger. At Haydock, length third behind Run For

collect with Hotplate in the Pinemartin by 15 lengths at

Haydock, recently enhanced the form by winning in good style at Doncaster, Also, Warwick, gave the form further strength when successful at Cheltenham on Thursday. mer useful hurdler, put up a good effort when second to the talented Timyland at

on Deep Colonist

Call Me Early will relish the extra half-mile today and the Hey Cottage ran with promise when finishing a 20-

McCain, however, should Cavalier Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase. Prior to falling at the fifth fence at Ascot, Hotplate beat

surrounding Dara Doone is

Kempton, where there were some useful performers down

3.55 BANKER CLAIMING STAKES

4.25 HOT MONEY HANDICAP

8 -295 ON THE BOOK 15 (CD,SF) T Burron 4-65

8 D-18 ORIENT AIR 17 (B,C,D,BF,F) T Berrox 4-8-7

8 0-18 ORIENT AIR 17 (B,C,D,BF,F) + INTRON 1979
9 -002 SPORTS POST LADY 28 (D,F,G) C HII 4-8-3
10 3451 HINARI VIDEO 11 (CD,G,B) M Johnston 7-8-3
11 468- CRAIL HARBOUR 242 (D,G) P Heaten 6-9-2
11 468- CRAIL HARBOUR 242 (D,G) P Heaten 6-9-2
12 3-64 IN A WHIRLES (BF,F) D Chapman 4-7-13. J Cairn 7-13
4901 JOVIAL KATE 15 (CD,B) EBson 5-7-13. N Certain 13
14 0005 LADY OF THE MEN. 17 (CD,F) Mrs N Materialry 4-7-12
18 0-88 SULLY'S CHOICE 36 (B,D,F,G,B) D Chapman 11-7-7
6 Wood 5

9-2 Sir Testor, 5-1 Creche, 11-2 On The Signs, 6-1 Maid Weld 7-1 Orient Air, 8-1 Joviel Kete, Sporte Poet Ledy, 10-1 others.

4.55 odds against maiden stakes

8 5 COLOUR SOLUTIONS 17 T Serion 59
9 40-6 FLAT RATE 70 (V) W Peerte 69 L. Chernock 11
10 6 RIGERUITY 2 Lord Hazington 89 B Raymond 15
11 500- MISS KINGFISHER 156 S Norton 89 ... O Pears (7) 6
12 404- SHADAYLOU 217 (2) Mrs J. Jordon 89 ... A Custom 3
13 000- WEEKGNO GIRIL 146 W Shiptourne 86 ... A Proud 13

6-4 Blake End, 4-1 Eastleigh, 6-1 Life's A Breeze, 8-1 Colour Solutions, 10-1 North Payer, 12-1 Ingenuity, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRAINERS: P Tulk, 4 winners from 11 numers, 36.4%; 8 Elsan, 3 from 10, 30.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 5 from 18, 27.8%; T Barron, 51 from 202, 25.1%; W O'Gorman, 25 from 114, 20.2%; C Cyzer, 7 from 37, 18.9%. IOCKEYS: Alex Greeves, 52 winners from 184 rides, 28.3%; N Day, 13 from 75, 17.3%; Emma C'Gorman, 19 from 119, 16.0%; D Nicholais, 15 from 98, 15.5%; G Carter, 27 from 177, 15.3%; W Ryan, 10 from 67, 14.9%.

4 3-01 MAID WELCOME 31 (B,CD,F) hirs N Macadey 5-9-4
5 -112 CRECHE 31 (B,CD,F) hirs N Macadey 5-9-3
6 -045 TRANK 8 (B,D,F,S) D Chapman 8-9-2
7 PO-6 BREEZY DAY 59 (D,6,6) 5 MoMinton 8-0-0
8 D-12 CRECHE 31 (B,D,F,S) D Chapman 8-9-2
8 D Williams (7) 10

3.00 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE FINAL

MANDARIN

2.00 Sunday Punch. 2.30 Le Chat Noir.

4.00 Run Up The Flag. 4.30 Shakima.

3.00 Dum Doops

(Handicap: £11,235: 3m 2f) (18 runners)

1 133113 CACHE FLEUR 17 (F.Q.B) (8 Kilpatrick) M Pipe 8-11-10

2 15541F ASK FRANK 17 (D.BF,S) (P.WTC Ltd/ Speedy Snaps) G Belding 8-11-3 R Guest
3 043/F1F DIRECT 29 (8F,S) (H.Kaye) J Edwards 9-10-11

4 20-8F41 GLENBROOK D'OR 9 (D.G) (T Leadbester) A J Wilson 8-10-11

L Hervey
8 F11P90 MSTER TICKLE 3 (F.G.S) (C McDonagh) N Twiston-Davids 7-10-10 L. Harvey
8 8-21P21 MANDER'S WAY 14 (C.G.S) (Led Vestay) Mass H Knight 7-10-8

8 221P21 MANDER'S WAY 14 (C.G.S) (Led Vestay) Mass H Knight 7-10-8

8 22146P PACIFIC SOUND 3 (G.S) (D Septemann) Mrs S Smith 9-10-4

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9 2411-31 PADAVENTURE 36 (G.S) (Wilson Covers & Son Ltd) Mrs G Reveley 7-10-8 P Nives
10 235-321 KLIHALLON CASTLE 9 (G.S) (Mrs J Helt) D Nicholson 8-10-0

11 654-361 PEALADE 17 (G.S) (Mrs J Helt) D Nicholson 8-10-0

R Durwoody 4

12 3-23F21 BERESFORDS (GRL 30 (F.G) (Mrs J Spleinen) R Holder 7-10-0

13 F4P-P52 STITRUP CUP 17 (G.S) (C Heath) O Sherwood 8-10-0

14 252213 PORTAVOGE 21 (B.BF,G.S) (R Green) C Parker 8-10-0

B Storey
16 G-P2320 MEAT THE FOULKES 24 (Mrs E Collinson) J Collinson 11-10-0 M A Fitzgerald (3)

17 500P83 TIPPERARY RN 9 (S) (R Matchew) R Matchew 10-10-0

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Long hamilicat: Feelade 9-12 Bersstords Gift 9-11, Stirrup Cup 9-8, Portsvogle 8-8, Durebrook Lad 8-4, N

Long handlosp: Pesjade 9-12, Berestords Girl 9-11, Stirrup Cup 9-8, Portavogle 9-6, Dunebrook Lad 9-4, Meet The Foulkes 9-3, Tipperary Inn 8-8, L'Aquino 8-8. NETTING 6-1 Pealede, 7-1 Padeventure, Stirup Cup, 8-1 Direct, 9-1 Ask Frank, 10-1 Glentorook D'Or, 12-1 Mander's Way, 14-1 Mater Tickle, Cache Fleur, Otterburn House, 16-1 Kittellon Castle, 20-1 others. 1991: BEAU CHARM 7-11-4 E McKinley (7-1) J Gifford 13 run

THUNDERER

2.00 Sunday Punch. 2.00 Sunday Funca 2.30 Le Chat Noir. 3.00 Dara Doone. 3.30 Lyphento. 4.00 Woody Will.

POINT-TO-POINT BY BRIAN BEEL

BARON Bob. successful in both his races this season, can defy a 7lb penalty to give the in-form Robert Alner a winning ride in the first division

With 109 entries, the race has been split three ways. In division two, Master Swill-

GOING: SOFT (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES)

1.30 Bishops Island.

2.00 Bighayir. 2.30 Northern Jinks. 1.00 Dines. 3.35 Deep Colonist. 4.10 Mudahim.

(£2,600: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

(22,390: 2m) (18 runners)

4,40 Everaldo,

brook, after being second in course winner Mend won his two open races, comes down in class. He looks to be the one they all have to beat.

On his seasonal debut last year. Life Peerage won a restricted at Ottery St Mary. Under the new regulations he has a further opportunity in this company and looks the

Only one race is needed for the 23 entries in The Times at the South Wold, Fifth Atqualifier at the Waveney. The

THUNDERER

1.30 Bishops Island.

2.00 Tom Clapton.

2.30 Northern Jinks

4.10 Tyrone Bridge 4.40 Run To Form.

1.30 IND COOPE BURTON BREWERY NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE

(22,600: 2m 4f) (16 runners)

1 1-18250 GNOME'S TYCOON S (5) (Stablemete Racing Pic) R Lister (ine) 6-11-8 M A Fitzgerald (5) • 99

2 31 BISHOPS ISLAND 11 (S) (if Joe) D Nichoteon 6-11-8 R Durnecody

3 2216P MALCOM 42 (D.S) (Mailcom Pic) Mx J Piman 6-11-6 R Durnecody

4 13 MULBANK 66 (F) (1 Snew) P Hobbs B-11-8 R Durnecody

5 1-51 TERAO 30 (D.S) (B Kignatrick) M Pipe 6-11-8 P Soudemore

6 9/D BIG MINSTREL 11 (Queenseury Securities Ltd) Mrs A King 7-11-2 M Lynch

7 004 CARLING WOOD 14 (P Robinson) J Luigh 6-11-2 R Supple

8 18/05 NOTHING TO DECLARE 10 (6) (P Ryen) A Reid 8-11-2 R Supple

18/05 NOTHING TO DECLARE 10 (6) (P Ryen) A Reid 8-11-2 P McWilliams

10 P-03 SHARP ANSWER 21 (Mrs A Caribins') Mrs B Caribert 5-11-2 States (5)

19 WHRLING CONE 35 (Mrs E Courage) M Wikinson 7-11-2 B A Maguire

10 POWER HAPPY 17 (Mrs A Eile) Mrs S Minns 7-10-11 D Byrne

11 GRANGEDEAL (LLEGAL (Gibbrits Animal Feed Products) Miss 5 Willon 4-10-7 GRANGEDEAL (LLEGAL (Gibbrits Animal Feed Products) Miss 5 Willon 4-10-7 LWyer

8 BESTTING: 11-10 Bishop's Island, 7-2 Gnome's Tycoon, 5-1 Terao, 10-1 Mailborn, 14-1 Sibrers.

1991: TRUTH BE TOLD 7-11-2 E Murphy (4-1) J Gifford 13 mm

BETTING: 8-4 Toru Ciapton, 4-1 Mester Of Troy, 8-1 Bigheyir, 8-1 Regime, 19-1 Soldiers Duty, Appl science, 18-1 offices.

2.30 TATTERBALLS MARES ONLY NOVICES CHASE FINAL (Limited handicep: £6,775: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1991: TAPAGEUR 8-10-15 P Soudemore (6-1) M Pipe 16 res

BETTING: 2-1 Broughton Manor, 3-1 Northern Jirles, 7-2 Po-Palease, 3-1 Maga Blue, Marcelline, 13-1 others. 1991: NO CONTRESPONDING RACE FORM FOCUS

BROUGHTON MANOR best Deadly Charm Si in 7-numer Winceston (2m St., good) novice chase. NORTHERN JINKS best RE-RELEASE (series terms) 101 in 14-runner Worcester (2m 4f, soft) nov-Catteriok Bridge (2m, good) novice chase with CAR-

OUSSEL CROSSETT brought down at the fet. MA-TERIAL GRIL 2012nd of 11 to Transplor in Luicester (2m, good) novice handings chime, FAST CRUISE 1941 3nd of 16 to Vale Of Secrety in Benger (2m 4f.,

good to soft) novice chees. Beleation: NORTHERN JINKS

BETTING: 11-10 Bishop's Island, 7-2 Gnome's Tycoon, 5-1 Terao, 10-1 Malloom, 14-1 others.

2.00 CENTURION COMMERCIALS CLAIMING HURDLE

last outing, at Cottenham, by 25 lengths when the nearest challenger fell at the last.

The Leicester hunter chase winner Jaaez could have a tussie with Haydock second Jimmy River if he runs in the Land Rover qualifier at the Cumberland Farmers and may have the edge.

In the same sponsor's race tempt could be followed home

SIS

1.30 DISHOPS ISLAND

RICHARD EVANS

ing The Dragon, while at the Quantock. Connate should complete a memorable week for Justin Farthing.

The two divisions of the BMW qualifiers at the Oakley may go to Aherlow and Sheer Jest with Lady Tiki taking the RMC.

Abbotsham has not been out since finishing third in the Horse and Hound at Stratford last June, but

by Cawkwell Tom and Chas- should win the open at the Dart Vale and Haldon.

TODAY'S MEETINGS: Brecon, Lantynach, 3 miles south-sent of Bracon, (Irrat race, 12 00), Cumberland Farmers, Hoire Hill Parks, Delston, 5m S of Cerisale (1,00), Dart Visie and Haldon, Othery St Many, 1m SW of town (1,00), Holdermeas, Delson Park, 5m NW of Beverley (1,00). New Forest, Larkhel, 3m NW of Ameebury (12,30); Oakiey, Newforn Bromework (3 m Sc of Russider (12,00), Cuantock, William, 1m E of town (1,30), Sir W W Wynn's Eston Half, 4m S of Chester (12,30), South East Hunts Club, Chemical Market Reson, National Hunt course, 1m E of town (2,00), Waveney, Highem, 7m NE of Colchester (1,30).

FORM FOCUS

chance when brought down 2 out. PADAVENTURE best Forever Aston Si in 10-runner Ayr (3m 110yd, good) novice handcap chase. KILHALLON CASTLE best Lucky Lane 4! in 8-runner Wincenton (3m 11, good) novice chase PEALADE best STIRRUP CUP (same terms) 3 in 17-runner Wincester (3m, good to soft) novice chase with CACHE FLEUR (10to worse off) 30' 34d and ASK FRANK and L'ACHINNO fell BERESFORDS GIPL best Cattic Prince 10 in 13-runner Taunton (3m 3f, good) novice chase Selection: PEALADE

CACHE FLEUR beat Weish Commender 3th in 15-namer Wincanton (3m 11, good) novice chase on penultimate start ASK FRANK beat MANDER'S WAY (15th better off) distance in 10-runner Newton Abtol (3m 21 110yd, heavy) novice chese with GLENBROOK D'OR fell and TIPPERARY INN pulled up. DIRECT beat Waterbight 81 in 1-runner Cartiste (3m, soft) novice chase. GLENBROOK D'OR beat Rose Lancester 41 in 15-runner Stratord (3m 2, good) novice chase with TIPPERARY INN (11th better off) 301 3rd and MISTER TICKLE every

3.35 ANSELLS NATIONAL (Handicap chase: £23,108: 4m) (18 runners) 1 P-5444P BONANZA BOY 42 (CD.F.G.S) (\$ Dunster) M Pipe 11-11-10 ...; P Scudamora R0 2 1-114PF RIVER TARGUIN 14 (S) (Robinstown Racing Syndicate) J Dresper (the) 8-10-10 M Lyrich S5 PP-1924 WILLERSOND 14 (B.C.G.S) (A Kaplan) Mrs J Primar 9-10-10 ... M Pitmar 94 000-P56 YAHOO 56 (F.G.S) (A Parker) J Edvards 11-10-10 ... R Dunwoody 97 4382SP LAURA'S BEALI 4 (B.C.G.S) (J McAdamus) F Berry (tre) 8-10-3 ... C O'Dwyse 97 6 05302S BORACEVA 23 (D.F.G.S) (Duke of Atholf) G Balding 9-10-5 ... J Frost 96 7 513100 ACE OF SP163 67 (F.G.S) (Borting Circle Racing) Mrs G Jones 11-10-0 A Magnére 93 1P4-0PF JELUPE 35 (F.G.S) (R Sandys-Clarke) R Sandys-Clarke 10-10-0 Mr R Sandys-Clarke 93 0-22222 JUST 90 28 (V.S) (-1 Cole) P Nicrolis 9-10-0 ... S Burrough 99 10 4P311U DAVID'S DUIKY 14 (G.S) (P Lambe) A Reid 10-10-0 ... K Neuthert (7) 98 11 12P211 DEEP COLONIST 22 (G.S) (Adock Racing) T Tate 10-10-0 ... K Neuthert (7) 98 12 483141 ROYAL BATTERY 12 (D.G.S) (Ms P Cottle) D Barons 9-10-0 ... L Wyer 84 15 042P3R HONEYBEER MEAD 28 (G) (6 Ryal) B Ryst 10-10-0 ... M A Florgered (S) 15 042P3R HONEYBEER MEAD 28 (G) (6 Ryal) B Ryst 10-10-0 ... M A Florgered (S) 17 211511 Mrs BOSTON 18 (F.G.S) (M Olcham) R Woodhouse 7-10-0 ... B Turner 78 17 11511 Mrs BOSTON 18 (F.G.S) (M Olcham) R Woodhouse 7-10-0 ... B Turner 78 19 P00-95-5 DRY GR 19 (F.G.S) (M Olcham) R Woodhouse 7-10-0 ... B Turner 78 19 11-11 Lett's Best 14-18 New Terrops 20-1 Ace Cole Species (Park 44, Honeybeer Mead 94, Why So Hearty 9-0, Mr Boaton 8-8, Dry Gr 7-7 EDITING: 6-10-pep Colonist 9-13, Royal Battery 9-12, Mirage Day 9-7, Gellic Prince 9-4, Honeybeer Mead 94, Why So Hearty 9-0, Mrs Bostord 7-12 Bost 11-10-10 cons 12-11 problem (Park (Handicap chase: £23,108: 4m) (18 runners)

BETTING: 6-1 Deep Colonist, 13-2 Wilstord, 7-1 Bonanaza Boy, 8-1 Royal Bettery, Devid's Duky, 10-1 Bona-ceva, 12-1 Lauta's Boss, 14-1 River Tarquin, 20-1 Ace Of Spies, Mirage Day, 25-1 otheru 1991: BONANZA BOY 10-11-10 P Scuttamore (15-8 fax) M Pipe 11 ran

BONANZA BOY, winner of this race list year, best recent effort when 401 4th to Carvill's Hill in grade III to con! Weish National at Chepstow (3m 61, good to ent); RivERT TARQUIN lest completed when 141 4th of 13 to Kindly King in Leopardatown (3m, yielding) hendicap chase with VAHOO (9to better off) 81 5th WILLSFORD 101 4th of 11 to Cool Ground in Heydock (3m 41, good to soft) amaticap chase with HONEYBEER MEAD refused to the control of the control of

4.10 CONCORD QUALITY FILING PRODUCTS HURDLE

(E5,702: 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1 48-2250 TYRONE BRIDGE 4 (8,D,9) (P Green) M Pipe 6-12-0 R Durn-oxity
2 902153 MUDAHIM 24 (F,G,S) (K Bell) C Broad 6-11-10 D Tegg B3
3 6/3F0PP- CASH IS KING 313 (D,F,G,S) (M Myers) Mrs J Pitmen 8-11-8 M Bowiby
4 15-0501 GAY RUFFRAN 14 (CD,G,S) (F Jones) D Burchell 6-11-8 D J Burchell 66 03/F9-P0 OLD DURDALK IS (V,G) (F Grey) D Murray Smith 8-11-8 A Maguire
8 822122 DAWSON CITY 28 (D,F,S) (G Shouler) M H Easterby 8-11-5 L Wyer 0-89
7 1/1/F1U3- FILE CONCORD 310 (D,G,S) (The Jet Stationery Co) Mrs J Pitmen 6-11-5 M Pitmen
8 P6FPKAI GREYFRIARS BOBBY 37 (3) (Ahr B Taylor) Mrs J Retor 6-11-6 M A Pitzgerald 64
9 34124-3 SOUTH HARVEST 115 (B,S) (D Donnelly) J Jenkins 9-11-5 L D Gallegher
85
BETTING: 11-4 Tyrone Bridge, 7-2 Dawson City, 4-1 Gay Purillen, 5-1 Mudahim, 8-1 File Concord, 10-1 others.

FORM FOCUS

TYRONE BRIDGE 24/ 8th of 17 to Nomacio Way in grade i Bonasprint Stayers' Hurdle at Chettenham (3m 1/, good). Earlier 22 and of 5 to Granville Again in Chepstow (2m, good to soft) hurdle.

ALIDARIM 21/11 5rd of 10 to Dos Vasentilio in grade 8 novice hendicap chase here (2m 4/, good to soft) hurdle. 21/11 5rd of 10 to Dos Vasentilio in grade 8 novice hendicap chase here (2m 4/, good) in Any.

REDARIM 21/11 5rd of 10 to Dos Vasentilio in grade 8 novice hendicap chase here (2m 4/, good) in Any.

REDARIM 21/11 5rd of 10 to Dos Vasentilio in grade 8 novice hendicap chase here (2m 4/, good) in Any.

SOUTH HARVEST 8/ 3rd of 14 to Norman Conquestion (2m 4/, good to soft) novice chase.

4.40 MITSUBISHI SHOQUN TROPHY (Handicap hurdle: 25,125: 3m) (18 runners)

FORM FOCUS Barber in Ascot (3m. good) handicap hardle on partial best Rostreamer 8 in 12-runner Sudgefield (3m. 21 180vd, good) handicap hardle previously best Northents 21 in 8-runner Bullyd, good) handicap hardle previously best Northents 21 in 8-runner handicap hardle with MEDIANE (good). But in 11-runner Newbury (2m. 41, good) handicap hardle with MEDIANE (good). But in 11-runner Newbury (2m. 41, good) handicap hardle off 7h. ROTHKO 21 4m of 8 to 15-runner handicap hardle here (2m. 41, good) with 15-runner handicap hardle here (2m. 41, good) with 15-runner handicap hardle here (2m. 41, good) with 15-runner handicap hardle here (2m. 41, good) with 15-runner handicap hardle here (2m. 41, good) handicap hardle here (2m. 41, good) handicap hardle with MEDIANE (2m. 51, good) handicap hardle with MED (good).

EVERALDO beat Jopanini 10i in 11-runner Newbury
(2m 4f, good) landscap hurde with VAGOG (8to
better off) tasked off 7th. ROTHKO 21 4th of 8 to
Therford Forest in Warwick (2m 51, soft) novice hurdia. Previously beat Muse (geve 5b) 21 in 10-runner

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS JOCKEYS

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 MAN ON THE LINE. GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM BACK STRAIGHT)

2.00 BIFFA WASTE SERVICES NOVICES HURDLE (£1,565: 2m 4f) (9 runners) 5000 LADY GWENMORE 78 (B) (5 Smith) H Wills 4-10-4 ... BETTING: 4-6 Sunday Punch, 5-1 Powersurge, 7-1 Lady Gwenmore, 8-1 Belmorevuen, 14-1 others 1991: ANNIO CHILONE 5-11-5 D Murphy (2-1) J Gafford 7 ran

2.30 DESERT ORCHID FARRIER APPEAL HANDICAP CHASE

201 F11-F23 LE CHAT NOIR 10 (CD.BF.F.G) (Lord Rothermere) D Greeni 9:12-0.
202 41-5562 TAFFY JONES 100 (D.F.G.S) (M. McCormack) M McCormack 13:11-9
203 251423 DR ROCKET 32 (D.F.G.S) (G Downey) R Dicker 7:11-1.
204 35341P CAME DOWN 31 (D.G.S) (A Downey) R Dicker 7:11-1.
205 0-24FP FUEGO BOY 15 (D.G.S) (A Downey) A J Wason 12:11-0
206 0-24FP FUEGO BOY 15 (D.G.S) (A Desire) N J Wason 12:11-0
207 250228 C O'REILLY 31 (D.G.S) (T Hemmings) S Mellor 9:10-7
207 402:122 BENDICKS 33 (CD.G.S) (D Humphreys) A Moore 10:10-2
208 G Moore 97 BETTING: 11-4 Bendicks 7-2 Le Chei Nor. 4-1 Taffy Jones, 13-2 Dr Rocket, 8-1 Fuego Boy, 10-1 others. 1991: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3	.00 ı	INGFIELD GOLD CUP HANDICAP HURDLE (88,350: 2m 4f) (11 runners)	
301	0-F110F	CHAMPAGNE LAD 42 (C,F,G,S) (P James) J Gillord 5-12-0 D Marphy 88	-
302		MIAMI IN SPRING 22 (CD.BF.G.S.) (Financial Trace) Mass 8 Sanciers 9:11-6. Dale Mickey 93	1
303			ı
304		TREE POPPY 14 (CD,G,S) (Mrs G Rowen Hermiten) C Brooks 9:11-0 G Brantov 95	ı
305		DARA DOONE 14 (CD,G.S) (B Mackle) R Akahurat 6 10 13 H Davise 97	П
306	4-12032	LOVE ANEW 14 (F.G) (D Bowhell) O Sterwood 7:10:11 M. Richards 94	П
307	456065	VICEROY JESTER 7 (F,S) (F Broom) G Batong 7 106 A Charlton 96	1
. 308		STONE FLAKE 9 (C.S) (R Tooth) P Kelleway 6-10-3	1
309		TAJROBA 21 (D.F.G.S) (Brooke (Enlield Wash) Ltd) J Jenkins 7:10()	П
310		MEDITATOR 7 (G.S) (Mrs J Penn) Mrs J Penn 8-10-0 S Curran (7) 98	П
311	151	POSTAGE STAMP 7F (D,G) (J Peseco) J Pearce 5 100 98	П
100	o handica	n: Pasisso Siama 9.12	П

Long handicap: Hostage Stamp 9-12

BETTING: 7-2 Dara Doone, 4 1 Love Anew 5-1 Postage Stamp, 6-1 Stone Flake, 8-1 Cogent, 12-1 others 1991: MONETARY FUND 7:97 G Heaver (20-1) R Akehurs! 13 ran

3.30 NORTHERN TRUST OPAL NOVICES CHASE (Grade II: £9,928; 2m 4l) (7 runners) ore 51) Ltd) C Brooks 8-113 G Bradley Selford 8-113 D Murphy shurst 9-113 J Wiese 7-11-3 H Davies 401 1F1F41 BLACK HUMDUR 14 (D.G.S) (R A Boll (Wignese 5i) Ltd) C 402 /31351 LYPHENTO 8 (D.F.G.S) (Peit meit Parliners) J Galford 6-11 3 403 46-2P32 MAN ON THE LINE 21 (F.G.) (L Randall) R Al-chu-st 9-11 3 404 642514 SHADOW RUN 28 (D.S) (G Downey) R Dictor 7-11-3 405 252-4FP TUROLDUS 58 (T Hemmings) S Meltor 7-11-3 406 F00543 VICTORY GATE 12 (B.G) (Mrs P Donkin) A Moore 7-11-3 407 PF-F ZIMMERMAN 28 (M Branson) Mrs. J Perrin 7-11-3

BETTING: 7-4 Man On The Line, 5-2 Lyphonto, 4-1 Black Humour, 8-1 Shadow Rum, 12-1 Victory Gate, 33-1 Turoldus, 66-1 Zimmerman 1991: LAUNDRYMAN S-11-3 M Pomett (2-13 fav) S Molfor 2 ran

4.00 LEPPARD ENGINEERING NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,630: 2m) (14 runners) M Flichards D Murphy - J Clarke (7) G Bradley
M Grosse
D O Sullivan (3)
A Charlion
Dale McKeown D Fortt (7)

Long handicap: Barkhul 9-13 Singing Detective 9-3 BETTING, 4-1 Brunswick Blue 5-1 Metal Orseau, 11-2 Classic Account, 6-1 Nidomi, 8-1 Careless Kies, Woody Will, 10-1 Lord Oberon, 12-1 Curdinal Bird, 14-1 Run Up The Flag Singing Detective, 20-1 others 1991: ANYONE'S FANCY 6-10-13 N Wallamson (25-1) D Gandolfo 14 ran

4.30 ATS SOUTHERN HANDICAP CHASE (52,937: 3m) (10 runners)

| T-QV ATS SOUTHERN HANDICAP CHASE (24,937: 3m) (10 runners)
| 801 21525-0 RED COLUMBIA 68 (D.G.S) (D Price) M Wak-maon 11 11 10 | H Davass 602 432233 FOLK DANCE 15 (F.G.S) (B R B Owners Group (1990) Pic) G Balcing 10-11 9 A Chartison 603 /5F0-4 SHAKIMA 10 (F.G.S) (Ms S York) K Baircy 11-11-3 | A Tory GH (PT-F08 WINABLICK 28 (D.BF.F.G.S) (M Eustace) R Dickin 9 10-12 | D Merediti (7) 605 3432P2 POPESWOOD 9 (B.C.S) (N Hichare) W Wightman 9-10-6 | M Richards 606 212234 NEVER A PENNY 157 (B.F.S) (J. Mooney) J Electi 9-10-3 | D Moorts 607 51-0240 ROCK SAINT 10 (CD.G.S) (G Gregson) G Gregson 15-10-3 | J White 608 38575 MARK KYBO 17 (F) (Mrs I Kerman) R O'Sullivan 8-10 | D O'Sullivan (3) W Humphreys 610 6UPU85 QUARRY TOWN 23 (F) (Mrs E Elic) C Coyne 9-10-0 | Lawrence

Long handicap: Querry Town 9.8 BETTING: 3-1 Strakma, 7.2 Popeswood, 9-2 Folk Dance, 6-1 Mark Kybo, 8-1 Winabuck, 10-1 Never A Penny, 12-1 Red Columbia, 14-1 Rock Saint

1991: ROCK SAINT 14-10-0 D Gallagher (8-1) G Gregson 7 ran **COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS** TRAINERS Rides Por card A Dicker G Gregoon Miss B Sanders A Akphursi K Bailey S Mallor (Not including yesterday's results)

Three reasons for New Zealand's rise to excellence



Crowe: return to form

Wellington: The pleasure of being in New Zealand these last three weeks has been further enhanced by the great run of cricket World Cup victories achieved by Martin Crowe and his side. This has brought forth a mounting surge of interest in the game and of enthusi-

nobody could have imagined when New Zealand were being trampled on by England earlier this year. The two meet again here tonight with the rest of the World Cup field spread out. not to say spreadeagled, be-

hind them. If New Zealand

asm for the competition that

likely to be full, and there will be very few people there who are not as surprised as they are delighted by New Zealand's changing

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win, they will be assured of finishing top of the round-

Being the smallest of New

Zealand's four main Test

grounds, with a capacity of

14,000, the Basin Reserve is

It can be put down to

three things, out of which

has come a collective confi-

robin group.

dence. The first is the com-plete return to form and selforiviction of Crowe himself. His undefeated century against Australia in New Zealand's opening match re-assured him that he is still one of the world's finest batsmen. Second, in three of New

Zealand's last four matches. Mark Greathatch, going in first, has cleared the decks with batting of Bothamesque proportions. That he had the chance to do it in the first place only because of injury to John Wright was auspiciously fortnitous. And then there has been

use of Dipak Patel's offbreaks. Not centil half an hour before the start of New Zealand's first match was he told that he would be bowiing the second over of the Australian innings. Boon and Marsh had no inkling of it, and they cared for it no more than Wessels and Hudson of South Africa, or Haynes and Lara of West Indies, or Srikkanth and Jadeja of India. Suddenly. for all of them, the first course did not consist of the staple diet. It has been immensely gratifying.
"We were a little surprised

when Patel opened the bowling against us," the Indian manager, Abbas Ali Baig. said on Thursday. "We fancy ourselves as good players of spin, and we had a plan to get at him. But when Srikkanth got out [to Patel's third ball] it failed." At the moment it is a closely guarded secret when Patel, the bowler, will be produced tonight, but nobody will want to be late in case it is for the second over of the match

and Botham is batting. So. Crowe, as tactician as well as batsman, Greatbatch and Patel have enabled New Zealand to start to believe in

Selby-Green shares the lead after a controversial day in the Catalan Open

land's advantage, too, to be playing all their matches on grounds they know so well, though no home side has ever, in fact, won the World

Reports that the pitches here have been doctored especially to suit New Zealand have been much exaggerated. They have been no different from what they usually are and no slower than I have seen in Test cricket in England (Edgbaston), India (Kanpur), Pakistan (Karachi), South Africa (Port Elizabeth), and the West Indies (Port of Spain).

revival can last for another 11 days (the World Cup final is on March 25) or will extend to their becoming a force again in Test cricket. remains to be seen. They are a reasonably young side and a very keen one. But it would be a big surprise if, even now, a full England side were to lose to them in the World Cup, and nothing has happened to suggest that they now have the bowling to win Test matches on good pitches. They are "on a roll". though, as the saying goes. and it has done wonders for the game here.

West Indies find cricket World Cup form

Simmons rides his luck and makes a superb hundred

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN BERRI, AUSTRALIA

A FINE, aggressive century Indies to the brink of the World Cup semi-finals with a comfortable 91-run win over Sri Lanka here yesterday. West Indies can make certain of reaching the last four by beating Australia in Melhourne next Wednesday, although they may go through even if they lose that match.

Sri Lanka's interest in the competition, however, was ended by the defeat, although their final match, against Pakistan at Perth on Sunday, may have a decisive bearing on the composition of the

The venue for yesterday's match was deep in the South Australian countryside and, after Sri Lanka had won the toss and put in West Indies. Simmons batted as though it was a festival game, revelling in a good pitch and the ground's short boundaries.

Given the quality of the bowling, he could have been forgiven for thinking he was facing a local assortment of farmers and vintners as he struck 110 in 125 balls as West Indies made 268 for eight. It was his second and highest one-day international century and he was helped by three dropped catches.

SCOREBOARD FROM BERRE

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C E L Ambrose not out
W K M Benjamin not out
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The first Sri Lankan miss came when Simmons was on six, and he was dropped again off successive balls on 47 — the first attempt, by the bowier, Arjuna Ranatunga, cannoning onto the stumps to run out the unfortunate

Richie Richardson.

After the early loss of Brian
Lara, Desmond Haynes (38) and Keith Arthurton (40) offered solid support to the bighitting Simmons. Winston Benjamin supplied a final flourish by hitting an unde-feated 24 off 20 balls that put the match out of the reach of the Sri Lankans.

Carl Hooper played a lead-ing role with a right spell with his off breaks and fine work in the field for a side that is running into timely form.

Sri Lanka, after a bright start from Athula Samarasekera with 40 in 41 balls, collapsed from 80 for one to 99 for four as they became bogged down by Hooper's spell of two for 19 off ten overs. Then, they lost five wickets for 19 before closing at 177 for nine off 50 overs.

The chief problem for West Indies is who to leave out rather than who to put in -Simmons played to protect Malcolm Marshall's ankle

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terget revised 8029 in 47 overs, Paldosain 74, England 36-1 — no meuti. South Africe 198, Sri Lanka 198-7 (R 3 Mahaneme 68, A Ranetungs 64 not out). Mar Zestend 165, 67 IJ Closen 74 not out, A H Jones 57), Zirabebwe 105-7, Inclia 21th (S H Tendultur S4 not out). Paldaban 173 (Aamer Schall 62). South Alfrica 200-8 (P N Yearlan 165). West Inclina 136 (A L Logie 61; M W Pringle 4-11). Australia 171 (T M Moody 51; IT Stribath 4-31). England 173-2 (G A Gooch 56, I T Sotham 50), Inclia 203-7 (S P Tendultur 81). Zimbabwn 164-1 Sri Lurius 189-8 (P A da She 52), Australia 190-9 (P A Marth 60, T M Moody 37). West Incline 203-7 (S C Lara 52), New Zealand 205-5 (M D Crowe 8 i not out, M J Greathacth 69). South Africa 211-7 (A C Hudson 54), Paldaban 173-8. England 290-6 (N H Pathboother 63, A J Stevent 59), Sri Lanke 174 (C C Levis 4-39). Inclin 187 (M Acharuction 81; A C Curretina 4-33), West Incline 189-5 (K L 7 Arburton 58 not out). West Incline 189-183, South Africa 164-3 (K C Wessels 70, P N Kristen 62 not out). Pathatan 220-8 (Aamer Schell 78), Arburton 181; C (M J Greathacth 55), New Zeeland 231-5 (M J Greathacth 55), New Zeeland 231-5 (M J Greathacth 73, A H Jones 67) South Africa 235-5 (C Wessels 9). England 225-7 (A J Slewert 77), N H Farbrother 75 not out) England's target severed to 225 (n J J Slewert 77).

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Walsh and Gray provide test

FROM RICHARD STREETON IN PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

ENGLAND and West Indies start the first of three successive A team unofficial Test matches in little more than a fortnight here today. It is an arduous schedule and will stretch the credentials of players hoping to progress to semor Test level.

Unexpectedly, England have met slow pitches and plents of spin in their preliminary games in which injury sethacks have not stopped them from performing well The tension will now increase as West Indies have chosen four fast bowlers for these four-day games, among them two mature Test men in Courtney Walsh and Tony

Hugh Morris, the England captain, sees their inclusion as a compliment to the potential that England have shown. Walsh took a record number of wickers as he led Jamaica to the Red Stripe Cup. He missed World Cup selection because of doubts about his throwing arm in the

Gray has taken on a new lease of life for Trinidad in the past two years since a persistent hip problem was solved. Gray was found to have one leg fractionally shorter than the other and now plays in a built-up shoe. He returned to representative cricket in the one-day series with Australia here last year.

In Hussain's absence, through injury, the six England batsmen choose themselves. Everyone has runs behind them, notably Morris. Ramprakash and Johnson. The pitch still turns later and England seem likely to include Salisbury, the leg spinner. Malcolm, back to his best this week, returns to the ground where he took ten wickets in the third Test

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Challenging the leaders: Forsbrand climbed to third place with a 67

Marshall beats conditions

By John Hennessy

TWO superb rounds of golf in difficult conditions carried Kathryn Marshall to her first victory as a professional yesterday. The former Curtis Cup player from Dalmahoy won the Rochampton Gold Cup with a total of 145, one under par, five strokes ahead of Julie Foster, of Pentardawe, the leading amateur, and Sara Robinson, of

Marshall's first full season as a professional last year brought her no rich pickings and was a form of apprenticeship. Now, with this trophy on her sideboard, she can set forth on the women's tour with renewed confidence.

Her total was two strokes drives from her short, powerbetter than the previous winful swing produced birdies at ning score, set by Angela the 1st and 2nd holes. The Bonaliack and Beverley New. A blustery wind provided a 4th cost her a shot and the stiff examination and only short 17th, where she was bewildered by an advanced tee, two shots, but she hit the one other player - a fellow Scot and playing partner, Ju-8th green with two woods to lie Forbes — succeeded in surpassing the Roehampton par of 73. Marshall broke position, with minor variations, to the end. away from the field from the start: beginning at the 10th in the morning, she reached the 18th in 33, three under

LEADING BOOFFEST, 145: K. Marshall (Delmetory), 72, 78, 160; *2 Foster (Porflandawe), 78, 78; 8 Robinson (Hesmail), 77, 73, 151: D Barnard (North Shore), 77, 74, 162: "V Thomas (Pennard), 77, 78, 153: J Forthes funelizations), 81, 72; J Arrold (NZ), 77, 78; K. Hurley (Colme Valley), 79, 74, 154: W Dicta (Oulerheltons), 78, 78; *F Edmond (Worplesdon), 75, 79, 195; "A Uzalli (The Bertathray), 79, 78, 157; J Souteby (Stock UK), 77, 90, 156: C Duffy (Naddentread), 80, 78, 158: F Dush (Bedford and County), 80, 79. par, and easily defied any attempts to catch her. True, she dropped two shots over the front nine, but that was still enough to give her a lunchtime lead of three shots.

BOXING

Graham turns loss into a controversy

FROM SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT IN PESARO, ITALY

regain the European middle-weight title here in Italy on Thursday night leaves the British Boxing Board of Con-trol and the European Boxing Union (EBU) with an important question to settle which could be of relevance to Graham's plans.

Did Graham break any rules when he turned Sumbu Kalambay, of Italy? If the British champion was not guilty of an infringement, then Armand Krief, of France, the referee, should not have taken away two points. It can be argued that Krief's actions caused Graham to lose the bout.

If turning is against the rules, then how was it that Graham won the European title in 1983 and successfully defended it twice? How is it that British referees allowed him to use such a tactic in British title bouts against Johnny Melfah and Rod Douglas? As Mickey Duff, Graham's promoter, told Peter Stucki, the EBU superviser: "There is nothing wrong with turning. If it is,

HEROL Graham's failure to then Rod Douglas was robbed and can take the mat-ter to court." While Stucki maintained his position, he admitted that the second deduction had been wrong.

The argument that even if

both cautions were ruled out, Graham would still have lost because the two points would not wipe out the score delicit of 116-111, 115-112, 115-114 on all the judges' cards, does not hold. The cautions prevented Graham from doing his own thing. He could have stopped Kalambay in six or seven rounds, as he did Melfah. Douglas and Cooke. Graham had Kalambay in prouble several times.

The referee's intervention was like tying one hand behind Graham's back. There is little doubt that had the bout been in England he would have won. But this was small consolation for Graham. He could only say: "Now that they know I can be beaten. perhaps Nigel Benn and Chris Eubank will fight me now." But he cannot afford to do so with one hand tied

Sunesson loses his advantage in action replay

a demand for a trial by video, a pace of play so slow it would have been outstripped by even the most geriatric of tortoises — the third round of the Catalan Open at Mas Nou yesterday had enough good material to keep the hungriest of plot-writers

happy for months. Haydn Selby-Green, of Doncaster, shared the lead with Mats Lanner, of Sweden, on 211, five under par, but they took their places at the top of the leaderboard only after an extraordinary incident involving Magnus Sunesson, who was leading on six under when he stepped on to the 17th tee.

Sunesson hit his drive to the left, down a bank and into a water hazard that was heavy with undergrowth. As he attempted to blast the ball out, it popped up. Sunesson danced a fandango trying to get out the way, thought he had done so, and the ball rolled back down the slope. He eventually finished with a six. Or was it?

ministration said, the ball had hit the Swede as it returned to earth, so that was a two-stroke penalty and a tri-ple-bogey eight. Suddenly he was.no longer the leader as he fell to three under.

ment stoically, but the effect of the penalty may not strike ted States

FROM MELWEBB IN GIRONA A DOUBLE-barrelled leader, him fully until today. He might have been the last man out. Instead, he will be four groups from the end, two ahead of José-Maria Olazábal, who, after a 69, has quietly put himself in a threatening position. It would be a grave error to write the Spaniard off as he

appearances.

No, the tournament ad-

Then came the hiatus. The player said he had felt nothing, so it was decided to consult a video of the incident. Replays showed that the ball had pretty clearly brushed his right thigh as he danced out of the way, so the score stood.

Sunesson took the judg-

attempts to win his third tournament in as many

No matter what the draw, play cannot be much slower today than it was yesterday. when three-balls were taking anything up to five hours to complete in conditions that were not far from perfect.

The pace seemed to suit Selby-Green, for one. On the tour for his second full season after a chequered ten-year professional career, two things have changed his life - and his name - in the last couple of years. First, he married his wife. Jay, in September 1990 and decided to become hyphenated. "We're a partnership, so I thought there was every reason to take on her name." he said, reflecting on a new handle that makes him sound like a firm

of solicitors. Yesterday, he had six birdies in his 66, a course record. Friday the thirteenth was kind to Haydn Selby-Green; it is unlikely that Magnus Sunesson will regard it in quite the same light.

Nick Faldo was three shots off the lead after the first round of the Honda Classic in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, yesterday. Faldo scored 69 to trail three shots behind Ray Floyd, Mike Donald and Keith Clearwater, of the Uni-

SCORES FROM GIRONA

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RUGBY LEAGUE

Semi-final to confound cynics

BY KEITH MACKLIN

IF CASTLEFORD and Hull require an incentive to win today's Silk Cut Challenge semi-final at Headingley, it is a chance to show the cynics that they will not be mere runners-up to Wigan at in the final at

In the afternoon, two huge

Wigan have dominated the competition for the past four years, and few people are prepared to concede that Castleford, Hull, or Bradford Northern, Wigan's semi-final opponents in two weeks, are strong enough to topple the

Castleford seem the strongest of the three after a suc-

cessful run in cup and league which has also shot them up the first division table. But Hull have had a disappointing league season and were not particularly impressive in winning their cup-ties against second division opposition at Sheffield and Workington. The Hull coach, Noel Cleal,

choose from 11 forwards with considerable first-team Casdeford, the Yorkshire Cup winners, are showing not only their traditional attack-

ing skills, with Steadman a

growing inspiration at full

back, they also appear to have

has the luxury of being able to

ing a double against the champions after their stag-Park.

gering 19-0 win at Central Ellery Hanley and Bobby Goulding are thirsting to get into the action against their former colleagues. Wigan will be without Offiah, Hampson and Skerrett, but will still be a power to behold.

tightened their defence. If

they can put it all together this afternoon they should

The outstanding championship game tomorrow

brings Wigan to Headingley

to face Leeds, who are in the

remarkable position of seek-

emerge the winners.

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Season opens with tie-breakers

WITH the World League of "we've created a benchmark American Football (WLAF) to improve on", he said. starting its "tie-breaker week-

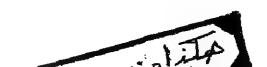
A win becomes more desir-

end" of pre-season games, the able than is usual for a predifference between this year season game because the and last is evident to Joe results of the games this week-Bailey, the League's chief op- end will be used if teams are erating officer (Richard tied at the end of the season Wetherell writes). With know-that begins next Saturday.

ledge of anendances, tele- The WLAF is committed to vision deals and sponsors, expand by at least two teams

a year for the next two years. Bailey believes it will initially take place in North America. mainly to satisfy television. As for Europe, where Milan and Paris are favoured as additions. Bailey would like to see attendances improve.

Tonight, London Monarchs play Birmingham Fire. who they beat 21-0 last year.



BY CLIVE WHITE

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Whether less reduction to be seen that Kinnear finds a stage that suits A the manufacture of the manufac to be sell In has only to whisper the magic words "Uncle Vanya" in the ears of his players at Elland Road this afternoon to ensure

in the Catalan Open

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- STING NO

that Wimbledon's dramatic revival since he took charge seven unbeaten matches ago continues to run and run, as they say in the West End. The name, one should ex-

plain to the threatrically disinclined, is not a code name for some huge win bonus from "Uncle Sam" Hammam, the club's owner, but the title of Chekhov's play running at the National. Kinnear has threatened to

send the team's worst per-former to watch "the most boring play" in London as a penance. The players have to decide between themselves who is the most worthy recipient. "Sam's big on shows, he took us all to a strip club the other night. But I thought this would make a nice contrast. If anyone has a particu-larly poor game I've told them they will get two tickets so that they can sit through it with their wife, too," Kinnear said.

It is not too difficult to see how the happy-go-lucky I rish-man has managed to put a smile back on the face of smile back on the face of Wimbledon. Less than eight weeks ago the only complimentary which the unpopu-lar south London club looked like receiving was a one-way ticket to the second division. During the 105 days which

Peter Withe, the former Aston Villa player and coach, was manager, the club had slipped from seventh to seventeenth position and managed to win just once in 17 games. Kinnear, who was assistant to Ray Harford, had been expected to step up when the latter moved on to Blackburn Rovers but instead the club went outside "the family" for a successor and appointed Withe.

Kinnear, a member of the fine Tottenham Hotspur team of the sixtles and seventies, even suffered the added humiliation of being replaced as assistant by Mick Buxton. Withe's right hand man when the pair were at Hud-

dersfield Town. It was enough to turn anyone to drink but Kinnear had long since given up on what used to be the former players' standard ambition of owning a pub and, besides, he had suffered rude surprises before. There was the time he returned from holiday, to

Aston Villa v OPR

Chelsea v Coventry

An swkward one for Rangers after the high spot of midweak when they beat Leeds 4-1, but a good test of their new-folind consistency. Penrice is fit again but unlikely to distodge Allen. Sinten and Wilson require fitness checks. Yorke is

beck in contention for Ville but Ron-Alkinson, the manager, may persist with the Olney-Atkinson patnership Spink continues in goal

Any game involving Chelsea is a lottery, but Coventry, staring relegation full in the face, will hope that their number comes up. Elliot is set to return for Chelsea after injury and Beasant continues to deputise for Hitchcock, who received injuries to his chest and throat against Sunderland. The return of Drinkelt, who scored twice for the reserves on Thursday, to the

for the reserves on Thursday, to the

Crystal Palace v Liverpool

More in preparation for next week's

Sealey is serving a four-match

JOE Kinnear believes that he Doncaster Rovers, where he was caretaker manager, only to find Billy Bremner sitting in his chair. "That's football. Joe,' I was told by the outgoing chairman," Kinnear recollected.

Wimbledon get it right this time by returning to a foolproof system

Bobby Gould, who brought him to Wimbledon two years ago, advised him to stick with it after the latest setback, as did Terry Venables, his roommate throughout many of his ten years at White Hart Lane. So Kinnear went back to working with the reserves until his calling eventually came when Withe and Wimbledon parted company in January.

"I really got on well with Peter," he said. "I was just bitterly disappointed I couldn't work with him more than anything. I felt that I could have kept Peter in a Chekhov threats apart, why

the sudden transformation from loser to winner which has led Wimbledon's climb to the comparative safety of tenth place in the table? True, Kinnear has made a few minor changes to selection, like the recall of Alan Cork (now with Sheffield United) and Paul McGee, and the conversion of Warren Barton back to full back, but the real difference is to be found, per-haps, in his understanding and appreciation of the Wimbledon phenomenon. "We work a system here which I honestly believe is fooiproof," Kinnear said.

Withe had attempted to tinker with the system and also to impose on Wimbledon an all-round smarter image, which while more in keeping with their Premier League ambitions was the antithesis of what 'up and at 'em' Wimbledon was all about. His ban on wearing jeans around the training ground was one of the more incongruous of his decisions given that the Richardson Evans Memorial Ground is hardly the most salubrious of training camps, doubling as it does as a trans port cafe on the A3. "Uncle Sam" has plans to redevelop

The day Kinnear was put temporarily in charge of the team — he has declined to sign a contract until the summer—he told the players they were going for an eight-mile run around Richmond Park and then proceeded to take them to the nearest pub where their recent failures were openly discussed over a since the now rather rotund

the Liverpool-wide after his third knee operation of the season. Whelan will not be risked and Houghton, Burrows and Molby are all absent too, but Barnes and Michael Thomas are included. Geoff Thomas, having served a exspension, is now doubtful for Palece because of an ankle injury. Coleman does return after a ban.

The good news; for Lutch is that Harford is back after suspension; the bad news is that Telfer and Cakes look like missing the rest of the season with foot and cartilage injuries respectively. Beagne and Harper are recalled by Everton, replacing. Hincholiffe and Werzecha.

It Leads are to bounce back from their drubbing at Rangers, they must inflict upon Wimbledon their first defeat during Joe Kinnear's ehort reign Mauchien, signed on a month's loen from Leicester City, atends by to make his debut for Leads If Stertand falls a finess list on his ankle. Rod Wallace has recovered from a head wound but Dorigo misses his fourth

Dorigo misses his fourth consectutive match because of a knee ligament injury. Hayes, on loan from Celtic, could start his liret

Leeds v Wimbledon

Everton v Luton



Do it my way: an unbeaten start confirms the success of Kinnear's methods

few pints, "I've always believed in our players." he said. "I wouldn't swap any of them for those of Leeds. They've been tremendous for me. They've got a will to win now. I can't see us losing a

game." For possibly the first time

Nottra Forest v Norwich

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Last wask's exit from the FA Cup
could be a blessing in disquise for
Forest, enabling them to concentrate their minds more hilly on
such comperatively mundane matters as avoiding relegation. An
injury to Wassall gives Tiler the
opportunity to resurrect his carear
by helping to improve Forest's
dismat defensive record at home.
Sowen has settled his differences
with Norwich and returns to a 13men squad, se does Crook. Sutch
and Ball make room for them.

Oldham v Notts County

Oldham, looking to half a run of four consecutive defeats, are set to give Ritchie his first start of the season

after coming on to score against Arsenal on Tuesday, Slawson, aged

Arsarai on Trescray. Stawon, aged on 16. is the likely replacement for Johnson, the £1.3 malon-rated England Under-21 forward who has loined Derby on a month's loan. Craig Short, back after suspension, links up with McCletand in central retirence.

Sheffield U v Man Utd

Sheffield United, cock-a-hoop after

their derby victory, will have no lea

of Alex Ferguson's team, but

CANDELLE PARTY

MATCH-BY-MATCH GUIDE TO THE FIRST DIVISION

little Dubliner was forced by injury to give up playing. Kinnear has found comparable job satisfaction. "To pick a team after developing it all week and then see it win for you, makes you feel so will still loom large, he prom-proud," he said. "Being in the ises. Following an afternoon

and Gayle would be welcome. Hughes completes a two-match

Tottenham v Sheff Wed

This is one home match Tottenham

and Peter Shreeves, their manager, dare not lose and not just because of the ill-effect it might have on their Cup Winners' Cup return leg

won is a wonderful feeling." Kinnear awaits with eager anticipation April 18 when he leads out his team at White Hart Lane to face his former club. The threat of Chekhov dressing room on a Saturday with Gary Lineker, it might with your team after you've even come as a light relief.

against Feyenoord next week. Tottenham, hovering periously above the relegation zone, are still without Lineker and Van den without Lineker and Van den Hauwe. Wednesday may be with-out King and Wilson because of muries. Worthington is definitely

West Ham v Arsenal

West Ham are boosted by the return of Parria - they could do with some sort of lift — after an ab of 16 games because of knee surgery and elso that of MoAvenne. Campbell and O'Leary are in an unchanged 13 for Arsenal, who are looking to stretch their unbeaten

Man City v Southampton Man City V Southampton
Not the most appetising of live
matches but of no less significance
to both clubs for that. Vonk, on treal
with City from SVV/Dordrecht '90,
will not, after all, be in the starting
line-up. La Tisser serves a onematch ban for Southampton, who
are likely to draft deploy a four-man
midfield. Adams could come into
contention after a short absence
with a thigh strain while Gifkes, on
loan from Reading, could be given
are the nar-out.

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YACHTING

Spanish boat is outsider in series

FROM BOB ROSS IN SAN DIEGO

IL MORO di Venezia's win over Ville de Paris by 3min 14sec, and Spirit of Austra-lia's defeat of Espana '92 by Ilmin Ilsec, have almost certainly established the semi-finalists in the America's Cup challenger eliminations with two days of racing remaining in round robin

Espana '92 (Pedro Campos, Spain), in fifth place, still has an outside chance if she wins both her races: against Il Moro di Venezia (Paul Cayard, Italy) today and Ville de Paris (Marc Pajot, France) tomorrow and if Ville de Paris loses today against the im-proving Spirit of Australia (Peter Gilmour).

The match between Ville de Paris and II Moro di Venezia was extremely close until the second windward beat when the wind faded from 4-6 knots at the start to under three knots. Ville de Paris, slightly faster upwind, had led around the first mark by 22sec. But Il Moro gained on the run when Ville de Paris allowed her to split widely to the right without following to stay in touch.

Il Moro rounded the leeward mark 49sec in front. With both yachts slowed almost to a stop, Il Moro head-ed left (looking upwind) while Ville de Paris split far to the right for a patch of new breeze. However that patch died almost as soon as Ville de Paris reached it and Il Moro gained when the breeze filled in again from the left to round the third mark 5min 18sec ahead.

HSSU-TS: Defender series: Americal (W. Koch) by Defender (B. Melges) by Bises Progress pointer 1, Americal 40; 2, Defend, 12, 3, Stars and Stripes, 11. Challenger series: il Micro di Vereuse (P. Cayard, II) bi Ville de Paris (M. Pejot), 3min Hesc; Spitt of Australia (P. Garmour) bi Espens 92 (P. Campos, Sp), 11, 11; New Zastend (P. Devoj) bt Chellenge Australia (H. Traherred), 42-36; Nippon (G. Dicksen, Japan) bt Tra Kronor (d. Kramz, Swe), Itar 15min. Progress pointer 1. Microsch, 63: 2, Mars Zastend, 63: 1, Il Moro di Versette, 53; Alve Carlon (B. 1), Ville de Parist, 45; 6, Espens 82; 30; 6, Spirit of Australia, 27; 7, Challenge Australia, 8; 8, Tre Kronor, 8.

SNOOKER

Parrott's hopes receding

Congeren, Belgium: John Parrott suffered his second heavy defeat in a week when he was surprisingly beaten 6-2 by Mark Johnston-Allen, the world No. 52, in the semifinals of the European Open here yesterday (Phil Yates writes). It was a result which added support to a growing feeling that Parrott will struggle in the defence of his world

title in Sheffield next month. Eight days after complaining of mental fatigue following his 9-3 upset by James nese pair whom Gowers and Wanana, Parrott found it im-Sankey beat last year. possible to raise his standard against another opponent at his best. From the moment Johnston-Allen recovered from a 44-6 deficit in the fourth frame, to lead 3-1, an upset looked likely although Parrott played down its significance. "It's not a major last four.

disappointment," he said. HEE/II.T: Barni Brat: M. Johnson Alan (Eng) bt J Parrott (Eng), 6-2. Frame scores (Johnston-Allen first): 78-30, 68-43, 15-82, 63-44, 72-21, 72-0, 32-84, 71-18. FOR THE RECORD

> (ÖT), Pittsburgh Panguna 8, New York Islanders 4; Detroit Red Wings 5, St Louis Blues 4, Vancouver Canucks 2, New Jersey Devils 1 LACROSSE

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TO MARK the Pilkington Glass sponsorship of the European badminton championships in Glasgow next month, The Times today presents a special opportunity to join in the

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Which Lancashire town is the home of Pilkington



5. Who was the last British player to hold a world championship?

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BADMINTON

England receive double boost

BY RICHARD EATON

THE unexpected presence of two home pairs in yesterday's semi-finals of the Yonex Ali-England Championships, coupled with the news of an excellent Uber Cup draw. prompted the manager, Ciro Ciniglio, to predict England could have a successful world team championships in Kua-

la Lumpur in May. A marvellous victory for Gillian Gowers and Sara Sankey enabled them to join Gill Clark and Julie Bradbury in the Wembley semi-finals and earn a repeat of their meeting with the world champions, Guan Weizhen and Nong Qunhua, the Chi-

The Chinese, however, will be absent from England's group in the Uber Cup finais. prompting Ciniglio to say: "I think we can beat the Sweden in the heat and if so we could qualify from our group for the

Sweden only narrowly beat England 3-2 in the qualifying rounds last month, and a victory over them in Kuala Lumpur could see England finish second in their group behind the title contenders,

Ciniglio is also predicting significant changes in his team for Kuala Lumpur. "We did very well to qualify but we are now up against the toughest in the world and I may prefer to build for the world

championships next year." If so, the most likely places at risk are those in the men's

Earlier lady umpires' embarrassment was avoided after complaints that they had been revealing more than they should while stenping up on to the new hydrau-

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Women's sin-gles: Tang Juhang (Chria) bi Ye Zhaoying (Chria), 12-10, 9-12, 11-1 Men's doubles: J Paulsen and H Svarrer (Chria), 15-10, 15-8

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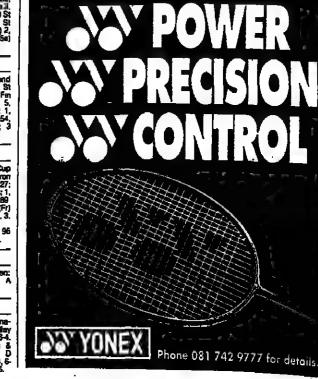
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ENTAIN

Duchesnays to turn pro The world champion ice dancers. Isabelle and Paul

Duchesnay, have decided to turn professional and will not defend their title this month.

Dutch challenge

Rowing: Three crews from The Netherlands and two from Germany will be among the 177 taking part in the women's Head of the River from Mortlake to Putney today.

Ring return

Boxing: Robert Wright, the welterweight, will return to the ring on Tuesday to fight Donovan Boucher, of Canada. for the Commonwealth title.

SA in on launch Powerboating: South Africa launches this season's world championship by staging a

grand prix at Durban tomor-

CALENDAR: Tomorrow: Durbon. May 24: Cone. June 28: Chalon, France. July 28: Belgrade. August 2: Dunaujveros, Hungary. 18: Stockholm 30: Rotterfam. September 13: Italian venus. Nov 8: Tanana. 18: Sporepore.

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA); Phoenix Suns 106, Milwaukes Bucks 100 San Antonio Spurs 104, Houston Rockets 98; Detroit Platons 119, Golden State Warriors 112; Utah Jazz 114, Secrements Kinns 103

Kings 103. CARLSBERG LEAGUE: First division EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS CUP: Some final series: Cibona Zagreb 58, Joventul Badalona 73; Partizan Belgrada 78, Virtus Belogna 65; Philipa Milan 80, Barcelona

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BOXING OXFORD: University match: Oxford 7. Cambridge 2.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD: Tasmania 287 for four (Dene Hills 106, Danny Buckingham 60) v Queensland.

THURSDAY-AUGUATION RACE FIRE stage (19 km, Italy unices-stated). 1, R Sorensen (Den), Sor 8mn 43sec; 2, Z Spruch (Pol), 7sec behind; 3, M Argentin, 4, S Colege, 5, M Fondrest; 9, G Bortotemi, at same time, Overfell stand-ings: 1, A Churato, 10th 30min 55sec, 2, Sorensen, 2; 3, G Bortolemi, 6; 4, R Alcale (Mart 1)

(Max). 1
TOULDN, France: Paris-Nice race, sixth stage (from Marsellies, 187km): 1, 7
Rommiger (Switz), 4th 45mm feec, 2, J.F. Bernerd (Fr), 14 sac behind: 3, J. Montoya (3p), 17, 4, M Indurain (5p), 26: 5, G Furlan (til), 37 Overall: 1, Bernerd, 1870-43sec; 2, Indurain, 14sec behind; 3, Rominger, 18

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St Heisms and St Katherine's (under-15a) 0. SQUASH RACKETS division: Skirmish Lingheld 5, Wiley St Mestors C; Jewson Barnham Broom 3, Fe Herits 2, Rucanor South Merston 5, Brigham Bromley 0, Final placings; 1, Skirmish Lingheld, played 10, points 54, 2, Rucanor South Merston 10, 43; 3 Jewson Barnham Broom, 10, 37 SKIING ALTENMARICT. Austra World Cup freestyle: Men's moguls: 1. E Grospron (Fr), 25.89pts, 2, O Alamand (Fr), 24.27; 3. H. Brassard, 24.13. Final standings: 1. Grosplon., 198pts; 2, Brassard, 189 Women's moguls: 1. R Monod (Fr) 23.94pts; 2, D Weinbracht (US), 23.10, 3. S-L. Huntested (Mor), 23.01. Final standings: 1. Weenbracht, 95 points, 2, Hattestad, 84, 3, Monod, 83. SNOOKER TONGEREN, Beiglum: European Open: Ouerter-Brais: J Parroti (Eng.) bt A Robidoux (Can.), 5-1

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Cricket World Cup at a decisive stage

England worry about raising eleven fit men

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN ADELAIDE

ALMOST a month after leaving New Zealand with an unblemished and largely uncroubled tour record, England flew back across the Tasman Sea yesterday for a game which has quite unexpectedly become the decider for the World Cup group

While the match in Wellington will leave only one side unbeaten and resolve matters in the heady altitudes at the top of the group, the other weekend games could decide who steps up from the crowded foothills to accompany England and New Zealand into the last four.

South Africa, so close to qualifying by way of victory over England, will go through if they beat India, who are already eliminated, here. West Indies, having swamped Sri Lanka yesterday, will join them if the ante-

post favourites. Australia and Pokistan, slip up again. The qualifying programme ends with three fixtures on Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by the semi-finals in Auckland on Friday and Sydney on Sunday. Austra-lia's elimination would guarantee that New Zealand play their semi-final at home, the rules favouring the host countries, leaving England with their preferred option of a floodlit game on the Sydney

Uppermost in English minds yesterday, however, was not the opposition or the venue for the semi-final but the number of players fit enough to see them through their remaining group commitments.

Fitness is relative at this stage of a long and punishing tour but a head count of the hobblers at Melbourne airport yesterday underlined the fear of the England side. They are confident they can beat any team in this tournament continue to put II men on the field. No more than nine can be counted on for

Those least likely to be

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risked are the captain. Graham Gooch, who may justifiably rest his pulled hamstring until the semi-final, and Dermot Reeve, whose all-round value is often under-rated and who heads the World Cup

Reeve is a loner by nature but a hyperactive loner. Just before take-off for Wellington, he could be found calorie-cramming at the Mo-Donald's counter while distractedly exercising his lower body. He has suffered for some weeks with a numbress in his right leg and now fears that something is structurally amiss after pulling up in great pain while bowling on

The grimacing face of Phil DeFreitas that afternoon left nobody in any doubt that every ball he bowled caused him distress from a groin injury he has carried since the first week of the tour. He, too, could clearly benefit from a rest and it may be Chris Lewis's turn to bite the bullet and get through his quota of overs despite his side strain.

Lewis continues to bat and field with astonishing athleticism. To watch him, indeed, one would never suspect he was less than fully fit. His last two innings have brought him 53 runs from 28 balls and, within a team equipped for almost anything the one-day game can throw at it, his role is as vital as any.

This was widely being said of Allan Lamb before the tournament, but it remains uncertain if he is the protected ace in the England pack. or the joker. He has not played for four weeks, since tearing his hamstring in Christchurch, and his mood has become steadily blacker. Several times, the impa-

tient Lamb has declared himself recovered, only to be overruled by the team pysiotherapist, Laurie Brown. Now, at last, his return has been agreed. Barring mishaps, he will play tonight, giving depth to a team which depended so heavily on its fifth and final specialist bais-man, Neil Fairbrother, against South Africa.

England may even employ both their slow left-arm bowlers, not least because and Ian Botham is awaiting with interest New Zealand's decision on whether to persist with the off breaks of Dipak Patel with the new ball.

Victory would not only promote England to the top of the group, it would also create a new record. No country has ever won more than 11 consecutive finished one-day internationals. This would be England's twelfth.

Meanwhile, just one more win, their fifth in the tournament, would see South Africa realise their first, post-isolation ambition. They came into the cup with a target of reaching the semi-finals and. while some regarded this as fanciful, the pragmatic ap-proach of Kepier Wessels and Mike Procter, as captain and coach, has brought it within

Attention has been focused on the heavy scoring of Peter Kirsten and the scintillating fielding of Jonty Rhodes but pivotal to their success has been the unassuming giant, Brian McMillan, who averages 52 with the bat and is the side's leading wicket-Whatever the results, this

weekend will see the last appearance in this World Cup of Sachin Tenduikar, whose gifted batting has been insufficient to keep India involved. He will, of course, be back and, come the next competition, may widely be acknowledged as the greatest batsman in the world. He will, after all, be 22 by then.

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Yorkshire tour in S Africa

YORKSHIRE will become the first English county cricket side to tour South Africa since sporting relations were resumed when they arrive in Cape Town today for a 16day visit (Martin Searby

Yorkshire will play five oneday matches and a three-day game against Western Province at Newlands. Warwickshire, Lancashire, Northamptonshire and Worcestershire have also planned tours of South Africa.

AFTER four years as a national hero, Allan Border is finding that even the nice guys are not immune to the oldest syndrome in sport. When winners suddenly be-come losers, it is the captain

whose job is on the line. Border dismisses the prospect of resignation in the wake of Australia's World Cup demise and it should be inconceivable that he will be

But, as he practised in Hobart before an almost academic match against Zirobabwe, Border's ears might have been burning.

All around Australia, it seems, people are asking if Border, aged 36, has out-stayed his welcome. It is not just bar-room debate. Distinguished former Test players have suggested Border should go and, this week, Ian Chappell, one of his earliest mentors and oldest allies, turned on him in print.

to conduct himself with dignity. But the hurt is only just beneath the surface. "The criticism is justified."

Publicly, Border continues

Free wheeling: Stewart and Fairbrother at Wellington airport yesterday

Border discovers the price

of leading a losing side

he says. "I haven't been playing particularly well but that doesn't mean I should give it away. I've got a week of cricket to go and then I've got a break."



Border: under fire

Although Australia retain a mathematical interest in the cup. Border evidentally gives them no hope. "It would be a travesty. If we sneaked through now." he said. "There is a flamen within our

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preparation and you can tell that everyone is a bit jaded." Border aims to make a farewell tour of England next year and hopes to do so as captain. Whether his wish will be granted depends on

official reaction to the shocks of the past few weeks: If the selectors are swayed by fickle public opinion he may have to go but, if they are realistic, he remains the only

man for the job. While the captain has been taking the flak, the Australia coach, Bob Simpson, has esaped almost uncensured. His job, anyway, is secure. With great presence of mind, Simpson signed a new, twoyear contract before the

Both Francis and Wilkins prefer United

TWO of the prime movers behind the most comprehen-sive defeats Leeds United and Manchester United have suffered all season preferred Alex Ferguson's team yesterday in predicting the outcome to the duel for the League championship.

However, there were words of warning for the Old Trafford favourites from Gerry Francis, the Queen's Park Rangers manager, and Ray Wilkins, his captain, who, on Wednesday, inflicted defeat on Leeds, as they had done on Manchester United on New Year's day, by the same 4-1

Whereas Francis feit that the weight of United's extra involvement in the Rumpelows Cup might eventually produce an onerous handicap, Wilkins pointed to the parlous state of the Old Trafford pitch as a possible sticking point in United's arebition to capture the title for the first time in 25 years.

It was not easy for either of them to reflect on the great reward that awaits the winners of this particular twohorse race after the manner in which Rangers have trounced both of them this Manchester City, the previously third-placed club.
"I wasn't very impressed at all with United the day we

beat them," Wilkins said. "But it was a one-off, one of those days when their side did not click in any department. That only happens maybe

"United have games in hand, but, for a team who like to push it around, they will find their pitch a hindrance. You may find that the majority of their points between now and May are picked up away from home.

"Defensively, United look more solid than Leeds. Steve Bruce is their unsung hero. When he is out of the team, you see a different United. His return will of immense help to them. I think he's possibly one of the unlucidest players not to have played for England."
Those people who were al-

ready suggesting that United the fact that they have three

games in hand and only a two-point leeway to make up. were flying in the face of history, according to Francis. He remembers only too well how the pundits were telling him and his fellow Rangers teammates in 1975-6 that

they had the title won.
"Of course, we didn't win
lt," he said. "This one's going to be close. It could go to the

Wilkins also an additional warning for both clubs. "The team I've been most impressed with this season and the only ones who have given us any sort of lesson was Liverpool. And both Leeds and Manchester United have still to go to Antield. The way Liverpool have perked up recently, it could be very

interesting."

Ian Rush returns ahead of a schedule to the Liverpool team today after a cartilage operation to face Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park.

Liverpool have decided not to appeal against Dean Saunders's three-match ban, The Welsh international, therefore, misses the FA Cup semi-final against Portsmouth. Had the club apealed, he would have been eligible for the game but ineli-gible for the final.

Stockhölm: Players with cautions from qualifying matches will not be allowed to compete with a clean slate at the European championship finals in Sweden in June, Uefa, football's European governing body, announced yesterday. (Reuter)

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Jockey Club may probe cup tactics

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE Jockey Club was yesterday considering an enquiry into the tactics which appeared to bring about the downfall of Carvill's Hill in the Gold Cup at Cheltenham on Thursday. The stewards are likely to examine the part played by Golden Freeze in exposing the limitations of

Carvill's Hill. Carvill's Hill, the evenmoney favourite, appeared to be badly unsettled when Golden Freeze took him on. Michael Bowlby ensured that Golden Freeze was always near Carvill's Hill by reining back if he got too far ahead. Three serious errors sapped Carvill's Hill's energy to such

an extent that he was out on his feet and crawled over the line a well beaten last of the five to finish.

However, the plan back-fired as Golden Freeze's better-fancied stable companion, Toby Tobias, was badly lame after trailing in fourth. Liam Marks, whose wife is a part-owner of Carvill's Hill, said: "I've no objection to people making the pace, but as for deliberately slowing up.

if that's the idea of tactics then I haven't seen it before." Extensive tests are being carried out on Carvill's Hill before his future is decided.

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Drinkers' short measure

THESE days, anyone who travels must become accustomed to the indignity of the body search. It is annoying to be groped eve "time one flies, but more annoying to be blown up. All those who went to the rugby interna-tional at Twickenham last workend were likewise sub-jected to the public fondling. Were they looking for bombs, or 12-bore Purdey shotguns? Mainly, they were looking for alcohol.

Anybody sipping from a beer can had to abandon it before gaining entry to the ground. Hip flasks must be emptied. In the wake of the hooliganism scares of the Eighties, Twickenham will not permit you to carry

booze into a rugby match. Very commendable, I'm sure. But what is the first thing you see when you go through the gates? Lots and

lots and lots of men drinking beer. They have just bought it from a Twicken-ham bar at Twickenham bar prices. Twickenham is full of bars and boozers.

Twickenham happens to be, amid some competition, one of the booziest sporting venues in the country. Why, then, is it necessary to have a public search for alcohol? This wouldn't be the exploitation of concern about terrorism and hooliganism in order to maximise the profits of the Twickenham bar - now would it?

Carvill's hill

LAST week, I reported that Brian Whittle would at-tempt to set a world record for the fastest round of golf. carrying two clubs and aiming to beat 29min 33sec. But Tommy Shields, the former captain of Warrenpoint golf club, writes to tell me the British and world record was set at his club by Jim Carvill on June 18, 1987. Carvill, a leading Irish amateur, was accompanied by officials from the



SIMON BARNES ON SATURDAY

and he went round in 27min 09sec. There were, Mr Shields tells me, "months of preparation" involved. Oh, and Carvill carried a full set of clubs as well. Whittle will certainly be faster over the ground

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aclangelo Rampulla, of the Italian first division club. Cremonese. He has followed up his feat of head-ing a last-minute equaliser against Atalanta by saving the two penalties of Verona last weekend. His deeds have created such a stir that the local Social Democrats used footage of the headed goal to illustrate the attitude the party repre-sented. Rampulls was furious. It happens that he is actively involved with the Socialists.



shoe, his secret weapon as a member of the triumphant 4 x 400 relay team in the European championships at Stuttgart in 1986, but he will have to be rather special through the air to beat Carvill.

Unfair bounce THE Lawn Tennis Associ-ation is prejudiced about

balls. That is the submission of the Swedish-owned. Irish-based ball manufacturer, Tretorn. It has complained to the European Commission that the LTA was "unlawful" when it insisted that pressurised balls - made by four other companies - be used for competitions. The EC seems to have an unhealthy interest in tennis balls. It recently raided two ball manufacturers, Tretorn included, in an unsuccessful search for evidence of price collusion. It strikes me that somebody here cannot be

Off the pace

HAD Sean Paice finished fifth last weekend, his tearn. Medway, would have won the Keni cross-country championship. But he was fourth - and that gave the title to Invicta East Kent. The championship is based on a four-race series.

Medway won the final fix-

onics were tied in second place: a tie-break based on the last finisher gave second place to invicta, and that gave them the points to overhaul Medway in the championship. However, had Paice allowed Martin Forder, of GEC, to overtake him and take fourth, Medway would have still won the fixture - but GEC would have pipped Invicta for second place. That would have pushed Invicta to third on the day, not enough to win the seasonal championship. Got it?

ture. Invicta and GEC Avi-

☐ It has long been assumed that Tom Fendry is a cert for the job of minister for sport should Labour win the election. Latest Westminster rumour is that Denis Howell could go to the Lords after a Labour victory and do his old job as minister for sport from there, leaving poor Tom a-





WEEKEND TIMES

SATURDAY MARCH 14 1992

All the fun of the festival season

From haiku to high camp. Robin Young invites you to roll up for a panoply of great British artistic

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opening shortly in a church, maltings, town hall, tithe barn, stately home, concert hall, or possibly even a cinema near you. When in doubt, we put on a

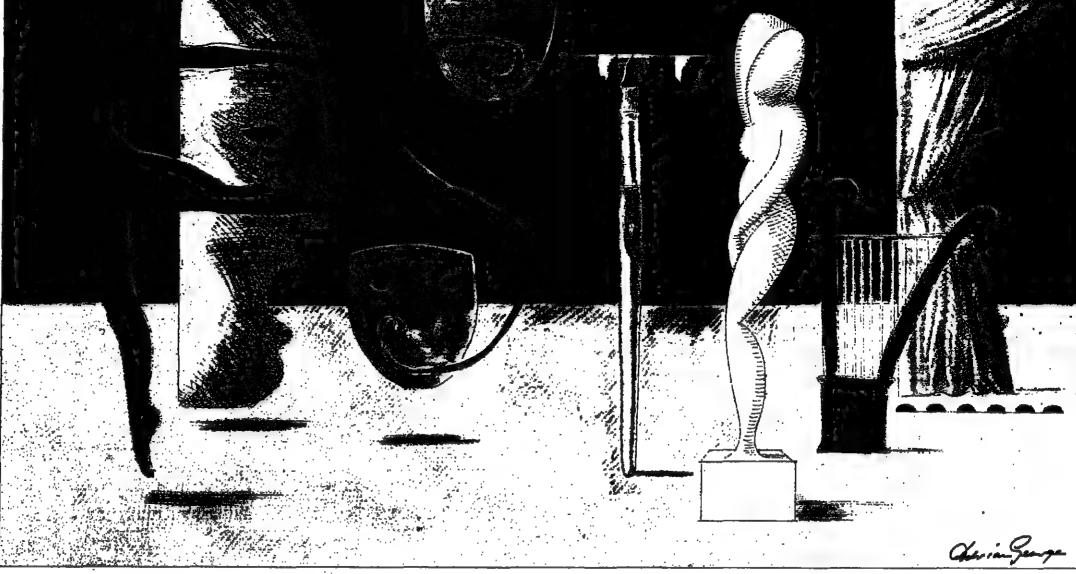
festival. When we had won the war, but were evidently losing the peace, we staged the Festival of Britain to show that Britain could make it. When the church seemed to be on its last legs and deprayity triumphant we had the Festival of Light. When inner cities appalled.

Michael Heseltine thought he had the answer: Garden Festivals. In its defiance of big brewers, the Campaign for Real Ale invented the Great British Beer Festival To show that we have not surrendered completely to Dutch horticulture, Spalding has its Tulip Festival, and in denial of the virtual extinc-tion of native oysters, there remains the Colchester Oys-

No wonder there are arts festivals in Britain. In this country the arts are always a subject of doubt, not to mention debate, discussion, distrust and disgust. Among such philistines as the British, the arts need all the help they can get.
In a purblind country

understood that fun, fantasy. imagination, excitement and pure pleasure are also essential components of the public weal, quite as worthy of public expenditure as, say. the National Health Service or education, arts festivals naturally proliferate. There has to be some such extra effort to attract the readies that will keep the show on the

We Britons have still to be persuaded that concert tickets or exhibition admissions are just as much household necessities, with as urgent and valid a claim on our private



purse, as food or furniture. So if we will not treat the arts as a tempted to take them as a special treat, naughty but

The idea of an arts festival, then, is to put an attractive gift wrapping on an unusual package of arty events, which might include anything from madrigals to mud-wrestling,

only an informed insider's reading of the programme may tell. It really succeeds, in most cases, only if it can manage to bring in both. If further evidence is re-

Whether it is done to attract

the sponsors or the audience, quired that arts festivals are

living proof of the late Arnold Toynbee's theory of challenge and response, you have only to consider that the most famous, various and wellattended festival in the British Isles flowers perennially in the city where philistinism is at its most dour, determined and obdurate. After nearly half a century there are still many denizens of Edinburgh who have never been to a festival event, fringe or main-stream, in their lives. They close their prim front doors on the cosmopolitan crowds every August and carry on as

happening.
Oh, the decades of argybargy about the eternally awaited new opera house and concert hall that Edinburgh has lived through. The hole in the ground beside the Usher Hall is there still for all to admire. And ah, the annual bailie-baiting we have en-joyed, with such wonderful nudity, profane language, rank humour and shocking improprieties in the very heart of Jean Brodie country, where deliciously savoury public outrage is always available to be turned on like a

if this was not really

never-failing tap.
But it is not only in these islands that the challenge and response theory of festivities holds good. The first festival I am hoping to go to this year is next month in the Baie de Somme in Picardy. In an area where every cottage shelters a shootist with a liver-spotted spaniel at his heel. French conservationists are naturally concerned for the survival of their wildfowl. So they have invented the Festival du Film de l'Oiseau (Abbeville, April 4-12), and have recruited the local hunting interests to contribute to the programme.

The first festival was held last year, and in addition to films about birds (British wildlife television documentaries well to the fore) it offered the opportunity to spend an uncomfortable night lying in a duck hunters' shelter in the estuarine mud of Le Crotoy, and to hear a competition of bird imitations in which latter-day Percy Edwardses revealed the calls and whistles they deployed to tempt ducks, geese and waders out of the skies and into their gunsights (or, in just a few cases, binocular range).

To date I have identified

various sub-species of arts festivals. There are those in the municipal mainstream which are too well supported worthies for anything risky, but there are also riotous rural ragbags where anything goes. Some are casual coincidental affairs where serendipity is all, others are meticulously planned and scheduled years in

Some are for sunhats and sandals and a few (Glynde-bourne, obviously) for full dress only. Provincial venues favoured with sufficient fame

available I will mention here a few personal favourites, which I hope to visit this year. The newly re-opened Blackheath Concert Halls in southeast London, for example, are already in the middle of a Percy Grainger Festival, with two of its three days still to come. The programmes supplement concerts by the planist Martin Jones, who recently recorded the complete cycle of Grainger piano music, with an exhibition spanning Grainger's wide-ranging interests, from the

Kangaroo Pouch Free Music Machine to the collection of Danish folk songs. There is also a Grainger

vegetarian beanfeast and 'If we British will not treat the arts as a staple of life, we have to be tempted to take them as a special treat, naughty but nice'

metropolitan life by inviting the great and famous. More modest belt-and-braces efforts subsist entirely on local

talent and enthusiasm. Some festivals celebrate a person, some a place, some a particular art form or subculture (early music at York, literature in Cheltenham, poetry in Aldeburgh) and some. which tend to be the most liberally blessed of all, celebrate a mixture of all these at

Most people's ideas of heaven involve doing several different things simulta-neously (e.g. eating foie gras to the sound of trumpets) and that is precisely what festivals excel at.

In the centre pages of Weekend Times today Hilary Finch provides a wide-ranging selection of the best of the forthcoming festival season in Britain (next Saturday she will present her selection of festivals in Europe). To illustrate the diversity of events

rambles led by Neil Rhind of the Blackheath Society. The last-named are justified by the fact that Grainger was an indefatigable walker.

Starting on March 25 the fifteenth London Handel Festival includes first performances of Handel's opera 11 Pastor Fido, at the Royal College of Music's Britten Theatre, since Handel's day. There is also, to mark the 250th anniversary of the Messiah, a performance of the original Dublin version, and another rarity, the dramatic cantata Clori, Tirsi e Fileno, both given, appropriately enough, in St George's, Hanover Square, London, where Handel was a parishioner.

In April, Frank Matcham's gloriously restored Buxton Opera House stages Quest-Fest '92, "the first UK festival of musicals", prompted perhaps by the thought that Andrew Lloyd Webber is in danger of monopolising the

lightful as anything the Salzkammergut or Ireland can It is still an unfulfilled

a recital in the Royal Pavilion

Music Room at Brighton (seven chances during the Brighton Festival in May). Bournemouth (June 6 to 21) is doing Rossini, but also Shelley, another born in 1792 whose heart is buried in St Peter's Church. Cheltenham (July 4 to 19) is devoting itself to the Swiss and, in Sir

Michael Tippett's final year

as president, giving all four of

genre. The shows include The Dancing Years cast and the

National Youth Music The-

aire's Guys and Dolls. Under

the patronage of Lloyd

Webber and directed by Rich-

ard Stilgoe, the festival also

unveils workshop produc-

tions of seven winners in a

competition for new

Then in May I hope to visit

Tintagel's nine-day festival of

music, arts, and crafts. This is

a first attempt and manned

almost exclusively by Cornish talent — choral societies, male

voice choirs including the

Tintagel Orpheus, Bodmin town band, chamber music,

organ recitals in the church, a

youth wind orchestra, jazz,

country and western in the

pubs, morris dancing and the first appearance of the North

Cornwall Symphony Orches-

In August I shall try to drop

by again at the Cressing Temple Festival of Early

Music. Drama and Dance. staged by Essex county coun-

cil in restored medieval barns that once belonged to the

Knights Templars. Last year

there was opera with real ale

in the interval: this year

medieval players are performing the first quarto edition of

The June calendar is al-

ready so crowded that I will find it difficult to get to all I

would like to see at the festival

where I have my best atten-

I would get withdrawal symptoms if I did not have at

least one opportunity to hear

something at Snape Mal-

tines. to join soloists and

conductors in the queue at

Aldeburgh's famous fish and

chip shop and to see members

of the world's greatest string

quartet, the Borodin, bar-

gaining for fresh fish on the beach. Can I miss that?

Yet wouldn't I love to get to

so many more besides! I

hanker for Wexford and oper-

atic discoveries. Maybe this

year I will at last get as far as

Buxton (July 15 to August 2)

among the Derbyshire Dales.

whose declivities are as de-

dance record: Aldeburgh.

tra in King Arthur's Hall.

his concertos. For Shakespeare there is the regular annual choice of the Regent's Park Open Air Theatre, which has given up merely catering to O-level swots, or Much Ado about Nothing beneath Arundel Castle walls (August 28 to September 6).

But as anyone who has seen the mateyness and enthusiasm of the promenaders on television must realise, with festivals hearing and seeing is not enough. It is being there that really counts.

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Enough temptations. For

many, many more please refer to Ms Finch's listings.

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festivals, of course, the Proms,

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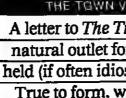
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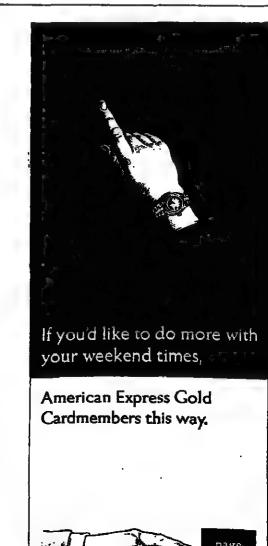
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THE TOWN Y COUNTRY DEBATE

A letter to The Times has long been the natural outlet for those with a strongly held (if often idiosyncratic) point of view. True to form, when Neil Lyndon and Libby Purves clashed on this page last month, it prompted a fast response. A

selection of your views is on page 9



ambition of mine, too, to hear

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FILM.

BARTON FINK (15) The Coen brothers' marvellous macabre. comedy about a New York playwright all at sea in 1940s Hollywood Starring John Turturro, John Goodman, A Iriple Cannes prizewinner Gate (071-727 4043) Lumière (071 836 0091: Screen on the Hill (071 435 3365)

BLACK ROBE (15) Seventeentin-century Jesuit (Lethaire Bluteau) thes to convert indians in narthern Quebec Intelligent epic from Brian Medic 5 novel Director Bruce Zeresford MGM Trocadero (571 434 0931) Odcon Konsington (0426 914666) Plaza (071-497 9999)



Feisty: Kathy Bates learns about Frier Green Tomatoes

CAPE FEAR (18): Demonic ex-Note and family Marin Scorseso's ferocions, unploanant remake of a classic revenge.

Juliette Lowe Barbican (0.71 633 85-11) Camden Parkway (671-257 7034) Empire (271 49, 9984) MGM Baker Street (37, 4855 9772) MGM Fulham Rood (071-370 2636) MGM Tracadero (171-434 0031) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520: Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

DEATH IN BRUNSWICK (15) Sam Neill as an agoing mother s bounus/ et into loval violance and acadental murder Tusty black comesy from new Australian MGAI Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) MCM Chelses (071-352 5396) Metro (071-437

FRIED GREEN TOMATOES AT THE WHISTLE STOP CAFE (12) Herri warrang lues of feest, talks down 5: 4th Shallow, but ingratiating. With hath, Bates Jeduna Tuna, Mary Straft Masterson, director Jon Aynet Odoon Haymarket (U426

HEAR MY SONG (15) tenor Jasef Locks, wanted in

Britain for tax evasion. Shaggy dog. tale with modest ple Ned Beatty, Adrian Dunbar, director, Peter Chelsom. MGM Cheisea (071-352 5096) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Trocadero (071-434 (031) Odeon Kensington (0426 914666) Odeon Marble Arch (0426 914501) Whiteleys (071-792 33321

HORSE THIEF (PG) Revival of Tran Zhuangzhuang's 1986 film inscrutable as drama, but a mesmensing dip into Tibetan culture Part of a three-week season, "Tibet, A Lost Nation" ICA (071-930 3647).

JFK (15): Oliver Stone's contentious, electrifying, threehour drama about the Kennedy assassingtion, Kevin Costner as crusading D.A Jun Garnson: a bustling supporting cast MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) MGM Shafteebusy Avenu (071-836 6279/379 7025) **MGM** Trocadero (071 434 0031) Odeon Mezzanine (0426 915683) Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

THE LAST BOY SCOUT (18) Bruce Willis as a world-weary detective embroiled in ! A corruption Crowd-pleasing action movie, piled with bullets and jokes With Damon Wayans, rector, Tony Scott MGM Fulham Road (07 1-370 2636) MGM Haymarket (071-839 1527) MGM Oxford Street (071 636 0310) MGM Trocadero 071-434 00311 Whiteleys (071-

LIGHT SLEEPER (15) Lugobnous elegy to the Eighlies drug scene from writer-director Paul Schrader, partly saved by Willem Daloe as a loner stumbling lowards redemption With Susan Sarandon Curzon West End (071-439

THE MAN IN THE MOON (PG) Pangs of young love in rural Louisiana Quiet, old-fashioned drama honest deep down, though wet round the edges. With Sam Waterston, Tes Harper, Reese Wilherspoon, Emily Warfield, director Robert Mulbgan **MGM Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279/379 7025)

ONCE UPON A CRIME (PG) Vacuous comedy about Americans in Monte Carlo tumbling over a dachshund and a dead body Slaming John Candy, James Bolushi, Sean Young, Richard Lewis, Cybill Shepherd, director, Eugene Levy Odeon West End (0426

RAISE THE RED LANTERN (PG) Zhang Yimou's austere. quietly dazzling drama of a concubine's struggles in Twenties China With Gong Li Cheisea (071-351 3742/3743) Metro (071-437 0757) Renoir (071-837 8402)



Courage in the face of disaster: Vanessa Redgrave heads a fine cast in Shaw's Heartbreak House, directed by Trevor Nunn

THEATRE

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THE COTTON CLUB: An mpression of the Harlem nightspot: high on energy, low on story freshness Aldwych, The Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 6404), Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 6pm, mais Wed, 2 30pm,

DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Snan Friel's Olivier Award-winnin ory play, set in Thirties Donegal Garrick, Charing Cross Fload, WC2 (071-494 5085), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat,

THE DARK RIVER: Revivol o Rodney Ackland's wartime play, set in a Thames backwate where the characters comfort Orange Tree, Clarence Street, Richmond (081-940 3633). Previews from Thurs, 7 45pm.

Opens March 25. DEATH AND THE MAIDEN: Juliet Stevenson, Michael Byrne, Bill Palerson superb in Ariel Doriman's Chilean political dram Best play of 1991. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122) Mon-Sat. 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm,

DIGGING FOR FIRE: Declar Hughes's Dublin Festival hit: sever friends recall old times, and drink brings out the truth Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Previews from Tues, 8pm. Opens Fn, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm

GCOD ROCKIN' TONITE: Satisfying musical celebrating Fifties and Sixties pop classics Great stuff. Strand, Aldwych, WC2 (071-240 0300). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fn,

Sat, 5.30pm and 8.30pm **GORMENGNAST: The David** Glass Ensemble apply their precision and physical skills to Mervyn Peake's powerful Gothic BAC, 176 Lavender Hill, SW11 (071-223 2223) Tues-Set, 8pm,

HEARTBREAK HOUSE: Proj cofield, Vanessa Redgrave head Trever Nunn's sciendid cast for Shaw's masterpiece on duty in the ince of disaster

Theatre Royal, Haymarket,

SW1 (C71-930-8800) Previews

Mon-Wed, 7,30pm, Opens Thurs, 7pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat,

HOT ITALIAN WIGHTS: Oxford Stage Company touring with a wedding-night adventure drawn from tolk tales. Supernatural elements abound. mond Theete, The Green Richmond (081-940 0088) Tues-Sat, 7 45pm. One week

MAKING IT BETTER: James Saunders's subtle play concerned with ideals, reality and liberation in Prague and London; Jane Asher in an exemplary

cast of four. Hampstead, Swiss Collage Centre, NW3 (071-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm. MOBY DICK: New musical from West End impresano Cameron Mackintonh: a bizarre

variation on Melville's classic tale of the great white whale. The cast includes Tony Monopoly, the pop and cabaret artist.. Piccadilly Theatre, Denman Street, London W1 (071-867 1118). Previews tonight, Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Tues, Sat, 4pm. Opens

THE MIGHT OF THE IGUANA: Alfred Moline and a superb Elfeer Atkins in Tennessee Williams's play on the effects of sexual National (Lyttelton), South

Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight, Mon. Tues, 7.30pm, met today. THE POCKET DREAM: Fooksh burtesque of A Midsummer Night's Dreem, with Mike McShane and

Sandi Toksvin, Dedicated fans only Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115) Tues-Sal, 7.45pm, mats Sal, Sun, 3pm.

THE SEA: Judy Dench splended as the village grande-dame in Edward Bond's comedy of rage and madness. National (Lytte/ton), South Bank. SE1 (071-928 2252) Wed,

Thurs, 7 30pm, mai Thurs, SOME LIKE IT HOT: Jule Styne/Bob Memil musical based on the lilm, with Tommy Steele

directing himself in the Tony Curtis Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-379 4444) reviews Mon-Sat. 7.45pm, mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. Opens

STRAIGHT AND HARROW Nicholas Lyndhurst and Carme McSharry as son and doting mum in "lamily comedy" by mum in "lamily comedy" by Jamille Chain, Wyndhem's, Charing Gross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Previews Mon-Sal Bpm, mats

Wed. 3pm, Sal, 5pm Opens March

TALKING HEADS: Patricia Routledge and Alan Bennett excellent in three of his monologues charting the unconscious humour and pem of desolate lives Comedy, Panton Street, SWI (071-867-1045) Mon-Sar, Spm. mats Wed, 3pm, Sal, 4pm

UNCLE VANYA: Ian McKellen and Antony Sher outstanding in a Sean Mathias production that is subtle, balanced and tense with grief National (Cottesioe), South

Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Fri, next Set 7:30pm, mat next Sat, 2 30pm

REGIONAL

LEEDS: Jean Ferguson and Kate Duchene in Shendan's The Rivals playing ladies confused by words and by surfors respectively West Yorkhaire Playhouse Quarry Hill (0532 442111) Preview from Thurs, 7 30pm Opens March 24

directs *Dead Soil*, a characteristically bleak Franz Xavier Kroetz play about refugees given (appropriately) in a Haymarket Studio Theat Belgrave Gale (0533 539797) Preview Mon 7 30pm, opens Tues, 7 30pm. Then Mon-Thurs 7 30pm Fri Sat 8pm

LEICESTER: Julia Bardsley

Woodward pits himself against Granville Saston, sworn enemies in Bulldog Crummond, a world of gallantry, visainy and dangerous women Nutfield University Road (0703 671271) Previews Mon 7 30pm opens Tuet: 7 30pm Ther Mon-Thurs: 1 Gom Fri Sal

MUSIC

CLASSICAL

BOURNEMOUTH EINFONIETTA: The Sinformatie's programming has a welcome air of adventure about it these days. This concert features the world premiere of the chamber orchestra version of Sir Harrison Birtwistle's Carmen Arcadlae Mechanicae Perpetuum (1977)

"six musical mechanisms juxtaposed many times without any form of transition" — se well as pieces by Boccherini (the String Quintet Op 30 No 6, evocatively subtified "Night Music in the Streets of Madrid"), Haydn (Symphony No 104) and, with Dmitn Alexaev, Beethovan (the First Prano Concerto). Alexandre Myrat conducts. Wessex Hall, Poole (0202 685222), Wed. 7.30pm. Wyvern Theatre, Swindon (0793 24481/535534), Thurs, 7.30pm. WARSAW PHILHARMONIC

ORCHESTRA: The first stage of a nationwide tour by the orchestra under conductor Kazimierz Kord, with the soloist's role alternated between violinist Konstanty Kulka (in Lalo) and Ewa Poblocka (in Chopin). The orchestra hits Hull, Bedford, Reading and London with its mix and match programmes of oslawski, Debussy, Dvorák, Brahms, Shoslakovich, Strauss and Schubert after this week. Demgate Theatre Northampton (0604 24811), tomorrow, 7.30pm. Decorum Payellon, Hernel Hempstead (0442 84451), Mon., 7.45pm. Concert Hall, Nottingham (0802 482626). Thurs, 7.30pm. Sympl Helf, Birmingham (021-212 3333), Fri, 8pm. Town Hell, Leeds

(0532 476962), next Set, 7.30pm. ROYAL LIVERPOOL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA: The RLPO Industrial Concerts series provides the chance for Dominia Muldowney's new Violin Concerto to be heard on the consecutive evenings. The soloist is Tasmin Little, and the piece, commissioned for the orchestra's 150th anniversary in 1990, is slotted neatly and lundly between Mendelssohn (Fingal's Cave) and Tchaikovsky (Sixth Symphony). Libor Posek conducts those works, but

Mukdowney is in charge of his own Philiparmonic Hall, Liverson (051-709 3789), Tues, Wed, Thurs,

BOOTTISH CHAMSER ORCHESTRA: Punsts may blanch at the thought of the SCO, with its non-baroque instruments, dar to tackle Handel's great oratorio Saul, but I have a hunch that this performance will nevertheless be a stylish, fresh and dramatic on Nicholas Kraemer conducts, and Lynne Dawson, Michael Chance, Rulus Muller, Michael George, Jonathan Beet and the SCO Chorus all sing City Half, Glasgow (041-227 5511), Wed, 7 30pm. Queen's Half, Edmburgh (031-688 2019), Thurs, 7.45pm

OF THE YEAR: The compet this year also includes in the slightly dubious search for a Young Composer of the Year Simon Halsey conducts the Nash Ensemble in the 12 compositions which have made the fina Barbican Centre (as above), Mon, 7.15pm

BBC TV YOUNG MUSICIAN

CLEVELAND QUARTET: A heavyweight programme of Beethoven's Quartets Op 18 No 6, Op 95 and Op 132. Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800). Tues, 7.45pm. ROCK

TOW PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS: Last seen in this country supporting Bob Dylan in 1997, the hard hitling American rockers deservedly take centre stage this time round. SECC, Glasgow (041-248 3000), tomorrow, 6.30pm. The Point, Dublin (010 3531 363 633), Wed, Thurs, 6.30pm

JAZZ

THE THEO TRAVIS BAND: The soulful tenor sax player embarks on a short tour Dat in London, Swindon and Cardiff ollow fater this month. Caanonball, Birmingham (021-772 1403), today, 8.30pm. Strathallen Hotal, Birmingham (021-455 9777), tomorrow, midday

TAL PARLOW AND ALEX **HOSTOTSKY TRIO:** East meets West in a double-bill combining the numble-fingered American guitarist and Rostotsky's sophisticated Russian trio. Pizza Express, London W1 (071-439 8722), Wed, Thurs, Fri, 7 45cm. The Rostotsky Trio also plays at the 606 Club, London SW1 (071-352 5953), Tues, 8 30pm.

DANCE

THE JUDAS TREE: Despite its title, Kenneth MacMillan's newest ballet is neither Biblical nor religious, but it is about a man betraying his best friend. Choreographed for 14 men and one woman from the Royal Ballet, The Judas Tree includes two murders, one rape and a hanging in the space of 40 minutes. The commissioned ecore is by Brian Elias. The world premiere is on Thursday night Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (071-240 1066), Thurs, Fr., 7.30pm.

EIRMINGHAM NOYAL BALLET: The Royal's sister company makes its annual visit to London with a two-week season at Sadier's Wells that features the London premiers of the revival of MadMillsn's 1958 The Surrow, the first of his tredemark psychological ballets. Also on the same programme is MacMillan's ragtime romp, Eitle Syncopations, and Devid Bintley's coot and classical Galanteries. Later in the week the company presents the full-length Gis The season opens on Tuesday Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), Tues-Sat 7.30pm, mat next Set. 2.30pm.

EXHIBITIONS

LIKE NOTHING ELSE IN

TENNESSEE: Many sculptors and painters today, from Conceptual to Post-Modern. somehow incorporate or refer relationship may be (anciful or documentary, but the use of architectural motifs or the making of architecture in minu gives rise to lively as well as deadly art. The present show (title from a poem by Wallace Stevans) leaves out now established figures like the Poiners, Charles Simonds and Bi Johnson, and instead introduces a variety of younge artists virtually unknown in Britain, along with our own Julian Opie and Dan Graham. Serpentine Gallery, Kensington Gardens, London W2 (071-402-6075) Daily, 10am-6pm, opens Tues until April 26. THE ARCHITECT AND THE CARPENTER: The follow-up to the

Heinz Gallery's earlier show The Iron Revolution, which considered the use of from in architecture. His exhibition concentrates on wood Naturally the time range is wider from Robert Smythson to Ove Arup, and as before the theme is Winstraled mainly by drawings from the RIBA's extensive collection Original designs and presentation drawings justle with working drawings by architects for carpenters and drawings of historical records. Among t most recent are the designs by

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Smirke and Ova Arup for a new

developing the traditional iconography of the Dance of Death, and many artists used the form in ways ranging from the savagely satirical to the wanty elegaic. This selection of works from the Imperial War Museum's collections includes such vanous artists as the Italian symbolist Alberto Martini, the German fantasist Thomas Theodor Heine and the Dutch cartoonist Louis Raemackers, and is offered as part of the South Bank Centre's "Towards the Miller

Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928-3002) Daily, 10am-10pm, opens Mon until April 12.

BOOKINGS

SHEFFIELD CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL: The Lindsay String Quartet opens the lestival, which has an Englishmusic theme this year, with the world premiere of Sir Michael Tippelt's Fifth String Quartel, written in his 87th year Crucible Theatre, Shettield (0742 769922), May 9-23 SOUND OF MUSIC: After

being absent from the West End for nearly a decade. The Sound of Music will return on June 18. when the Wendy Toye production reaches Sadier's Wells owing a nationwide four The Rodgers and Hammerstein show still holds the box-office record for an American musical in he West End Leading the dore-mi choruses will be Liz singing nanny novice created on film by Julie Andrews, and

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VIDEOS

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6 I'm no: the greatest museum-goer, but I have just seen a lovely, bright and ghoulish exhibition at the Museum of Mankind called "The Skeleton at the Feast - The Day of the Dead in Mexico". The Day of the Dead is the annual celebration that takes place in November when all the dead people are supposed to come back. There are feasts in their honour and it's a really exciting, happy, up-beat day and not mournful at all. I'm excited by the prospect of seeing Cape Fear. As far as I'm concerned Scorsese and De Niro can do no wrong and have made most of my favourite films. I keep promising myself dinner at The Greenhouse in Mayfair. It recently won The Times Restaurant of the Year Award and offers English food done in a modern way. People keep raving about a shift migoing to treat moself 9

Education time in sit-com land



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Lynne Truss found it hard to stay awake during the BBC's Adult Learners Week, when fact and fantasy collided on the screen

erhaps the most arresting piece of information presented in TV's rather half-hearted "Adult Learners Week" was that although one in eight adult Americans secretly cannot read or write, this does not prevent them from being high school graduates. This little nugget appeared on the screen at the beginning of Channel 4's TV film. Bluffing It, and was interesting for two reasons: first, because it is a bit like saying non-swimmers can nevertheless get life-saving certificates; and second, because it was printed presumably in the full awareness that . one in eight adult Americans would not be able to read it.

Bluffing It concerned just such an undercover illiterate (played by Dennis Weaver), who had developed many cunning devices for handling everyday reading situa-tions. "Excuse me, what does this say, please? I forgot my glasses", seemed to work pretty well; also "Just put it there, I'll read it later". It made you ponder your own family and acquaintances (Have I ever actually watched this cat read something?); but not half so much as it made you worry about the American education system. True, Weaver said an illiterate child was less likely to go undetected nowadays. But it was still starthing to learn he had cunningly disguised his disability from schoolreachers by the simple expedient of always pretending to be asleep. Evidently narcolepsy goes undetected in American schools, also.

There was a lot on TV this week to make you nod sagely about the value of education — a play about Cambridge; a Cutting Edge about Benenden, Educating Rita, Channel 4's Homer and His Pigeons, plus all the Adult Learners Week material. It was a shame, then, that so much of it also made you put your head on your desk and pretend to be in the Land of Zizz, as a subtle means of avoidance. "Do I have to watch this?" I kept thinking, whenever those tiresome little "Second Chance" sketches appeared in the gaps between BBC programmes. In case you were lucky enough to miss them, these grim little offerings were in the good cause of encouraging people to take evening classes. Famous faces from TV told one another how adult learning had changed their lives. "Go on, get a (and worthy) import, and while it are. Karl Francis's film Homer

- REVIEW --

sounds innocuous enough, I'm afraid it got up my nose rather badly. To be honest, I just get huffy when the TV suddenly steps out of line and tells me what to do. As far as I am concerned. Sharon and Tracey (in Birds of a Feather) exist Tracey (in Birds of a Fediner) exist merely for entertainment purposes. Using them for a short morality play on the virtues of part-time business courses seems a bit of a nerve.

But actually, it is worse than that The worlds of adult educations.

tion and British popular TV will not gel for one simple reason: they are diametrically opposed. In the world of sit-coms and soap operas, education is namby-pamby and ridiculous. The ideal television hero—such as Del in Only Fools and Horses—is clever but not educated. Knowledge equals pretension; clever people lack common sense; and ambition is a dirty word. People read books only in order to show off. Somewhere in a BBC props department there is a little pile of books with an inch of dust on top. Once a year, somebody puts their head round the door, shines a torch and checks that they are still there.

The last thing you expect of Rab C. Nesbitt, then, is that he cuddle an empty beer glass and lament his lack of word power. You do not expect Angie Watts to be fluent in Greek. We are supposed to like these people the way they are — which is, emphatically, no better than the rest of us. Interesting that in casting around for a "positive" image of back-to-school success, the Second Chance people alighted on Ian Beale from EastEnders, who famously studied catering at college. For the purposes of Sec-ond Chance he smirked all over his lovely assistant Hattie, telling her the great positive differences it had made to his career. The viewer sat flummoxed, trying to sort this out. Isn't Ian's success usually presented as not only loathsome but possibly psychotic? Isn't he the

Aberration of Albert Square? I don't know whether Adult Learners Week will encourage people to register for vocational courses; what I do doubt is that it will encourage anybody to pick up a book. Perhaps the uses of literacy are just too difficult to prove in a two-minute skit; or perhaps every-



Hopefuls: Common Pursuit stars, from left, Stephen Fry, James Fleet, Stella Gonet, Andrew McCarthy, Kevin McNally, Tim Roth

and His Pigeons was a misty halffact-half-fantasy elegy to the de-parted spirit of a towering Welsh autodidact, it was also a highly personal and specific piece, leaving the viewer touched, but utterly uninspired. Meanwhile, Educat-ing Rita (shown last night) actual-ly promotes such a pality idea of education — that it is the intellectual equivalent of joining the masons — that it would make any sensible person run a mile at the sight of a blackboard. What Rita learns, moreover, is that clever people are not happy. Tsk, Tsk. Better not get clever then. Forgive me if a wave of nausea

breaks over me at this point, but I suddenly recall a deeply scary moment from 1984, when I interviewed Simon Gray about his play The Common Pursuit (a variation of which appeared as last Sunday's Screen Two), and this very question of clever-versus-

The last time a Kingsley Amis novel was adapt-ed for television. ITV ran the risk of offending a

large section of the audience

because of Stanley And the

Women's uncompromising misogyny. Now a three-part scrialisation of another Arnis

book, the Booker prize win-ning The Old Devils (Mon-

day, 9.30pm, BBC2), stands

Amis's depiction of a group of middle-class. Welsh sixty-

somethings, who prefer alco-hol and adultery to bridge or

bowls, was hailed as the author's best book since

Lucky Jim when it was published in 1986. For his

screenplay, Andrew Davies

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person, I ought to mention; and I had the distinct sensation that he was waiting for me to say some-thing stupid so that he could dance on the table. Eventually, after a long struggle, I obliged: I made the profound error of quoting a theatre reviewer.

asn't it the case, I said, (bolding a cutting between trembling fingers), that Gray's characters, while possessing interests, case-oversized ing intensely over-organised minds, led "messy" lives? Wasn't this somehow the dramatic point he was making? Gray exploded, as though I had insulted his mother. Messy? Messy? Was I saying that education was therefore useless. because it didn't prevent people from leading messy lives? Had I looked properly into the biography of this so-called critic, whose own life was actually pretty messy, too? happy happened to come up.

Gray can be a very intimidating

Tolstoy led a messy life, you know. television? Rather oddly, I makes John West to thought. The lack of any pointers the poets, anyway.

suddenly. When the interview was finished, I ran to the Ladies to check in the mirror whether my hair was sticking out horizontally behind my head, from the blast.

Common Pursuit, then, is not about people with messy lives who somehow ought to know better. It is about six Cambridge undergraduates who launch a literary magazine and then make six separate ways in the adult world, deviating from their youthful promise and forgetting their youthful ideals. The mess is implicit in all of life's little ironies, and is in no way an indictment of Cambridge English under F.R. Leavis. There, it sounds like one of those adjudications from the Broadcasting Complaints Com-

But, allowing it at least to be "ivory tower" drama, how did Common Pursuit come over as

of nowhere and subsided just as to the surrounding culture (dothes, pop records, news reports the paraphernalia used so well in The Men's Room) may have focused attention on the personalities, each failing deeper into his

chosen hole, but it also made the

drama unconvincing. In any case, the point about Leavisite literary clitism, as exemplified in the magazine and its editor Stuart (Kevin McNally), is that it is surely supposed to sit staunchly like King Canute amid a great rising tide of Only Fools and Horses — the ultimate insult of which, actually, is for Tracey and Sharon to exhort you to take a "second chance".

If we don't glimpse what Stuart

is up against, how can we care about his moral stand? How can we understand the jokes about the Arts Council? You can't be elitist in a vacuum. Who was it said, "It's the fish John West rejects that makes John West the best? One of pon of cold war disinformation

PREVIEW - -

 Northern Exposure (Monday, Channel 4, 10pm) This quirky north-to-Alaska series has been a cult hit in the United States, and is categorised as a sort of Twin Peaks with permairost. A wisecracking, neurotic New York doctor takes up residence in Cicely, Alaska (named after one of the town's lesbian founders), and fails to fall properly in love with his landlady, a beautiful bush pilot called Maggie. This will-theywon't-they seems to be the main thrust of the story.

The people in rural Cicely are nicely weird (Maggie thinks her dead boyfriend has come back as a dog) and a moose called Mort ambles down Main Street. But the Twin Peaks connection ends. thankfully, with the damn fine coffee. In Cicely, nobody killed Laura Palmer, for example. And the owls are merely what they seem.

• 40 Minutes: So Much to Lose (Tuesday, BBC2, 9.50pm)

Do overweight people really wake up one morning and say, "This is it; I'm going to have my stomach stapled"? This highly alarming 40 Minutes tells the story of two women who seriously volunteered for this desperate remedy, and traces the ghastly consequences.

Having your stomach reduced to the length of a teaspoon certainly makes it very tricky to over-eat (so you get thin). However, if you persist in feeding your face you can actually blow the staples out (so

you get fat again rather suddenly).

Apparently nobody asked these women why they over-eat in the first place — aithough now, of course, they have ample reason, since they are surely depressed about having a major organ mutilated. In any case, their weight has yo-yoed appallingly, dropping by hundreds of pounds and then bonging right back up again. I am reminded of Erma Bombeck, who said that in a 20-year period she had lost a total of 789lb. By rights, she said, "I should be hanging from a charm bracelet."

Arena: Chi-Chi the Panda (Friday, BBC2, 9.30pm)

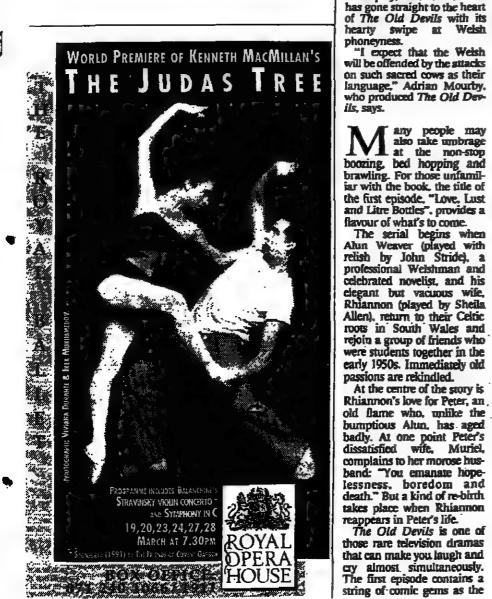
Chi-Chi was London zoo's most famous inmate, the panda who refused to mate under any circumstances (or, at any rate, wouldn't do it for bamboo). She graces the Arena slot because someone has noticed what a key iconographic place she held in 1960s' British culture. Little kids joined the World Wildlife Fund, for example (mascot: the panda). John Wyver's film quotes Foreign Office files to the effect that there was official concern over the mating of Chi-Chi and An-An (her famously wimpish Russian paramour): was this symbolic coupling of East and West really desirable? Oh lumme, don't tell us that Chi-Chi's pancake of a libido was actually a wea-

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The Old Devils by Kingsley Amis is set to offend a nation when it starts next week



Boozers: John Stride, centre, as the awful Alun Weaver

Andrew Davies, a past win-ner of the Bafta Writer's

Award, is a prolific television

frain about the perils of

haviour, the series depicts a group of people who are, unlike those portrayed in a lot of television drama, recognisable as people. As Davies says: "Alum does some very cruel things to people because he's very vulnerable. He's really a failure. He would have liked to have been

The Old Devils is one of seem to have got close to the spirit of the writer's comic petulance. And if the series screenplays, such as A Very Peculiar Practice, the gentle comedy of university When The Old Devils was published. Davies was so taken with it that he attempted to buy the television rights. but failed. "I loved the idea of people in their 60s having affairs and getting into fights. I'd always thought that by the time you're 50 you wouldn't feel young anymore," Davies,

adept at writing original

But ironically, when BBC Wales secured the rights to The Old Devils, they approached Davies to write the screenplay. The company last worked with Amis in the mid-1980s when it made a version of That Uncertain Feeling. It was not a successful encounter.

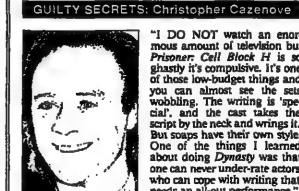
who is 55, says.

So much did the novelist dislike the adaptation that it is said that he stormed out of a press preview. So when Adrian Mourby approached him about The Old Devils for television, he wanted an assurance that any production would avoid turning the Welsh characters into

So is Amis happy with the results this time round? "I've seen the first episode twice, once after I'd had a drink and once while sober. Like everything else, it's better sober,"

"It's too early to make any firm pronouncements about The Old Devils, but so far it seems hopeful. They've avoided caricature." But the end product may be too near the mark for the Weish.

STEVE CLARKE



mous amount of television but Prisoner. Cell Block H is so ghastly it's compulsive. It's one of those low-budget things and you can almost see the sets wobbling. The writing is 'special', and the cast takes the script by the neck and wrings it. But soaps have their own style. One of the things I learned about doing *Dynasty* was that one can never under-rate actors who can cope with writing that needs an all-out performance."

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unspeakably rude Alun and can sustain the momentum and emotional impact of epihis degenerate drinking partsode one, The Old Devils ners go on the rampage. But looks like being one of the more memorable contribuundemeath the comic high jinks hurks a melancholy retions to the television

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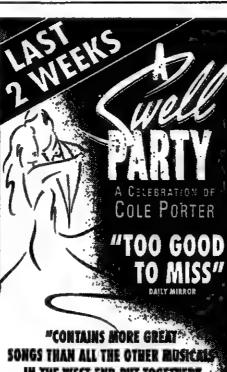
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formers wish to up for an interviewer, acting like an old friend, easing the path to a favourable write-up. The trouble with personalities". Lou Reed wrote on Songs for Drella, his recent collaborative album with John Cale, "they're too

wrapped up in style. Reed has no time for the fawning, ingratiating circus of mutual flattery that passes for rock interviewing. Introductions are kept to a mumble, almost a brush-off, and the atmosphere cools to deep frost as he waits for the first idiotic question. This is a man whose emotional life has been stripped bare through the medium of rock songs. What

else is there to say? What Reed specifically refuses to do is re-visit his Sixties' past of The Velvet Underground, one of the pivotal bands of rock history. or Andy Warhol's Factory New York City, full of its twilight characters, nascent film stars and diarists. Any writer fixated on the sleazy mystique of this era will have find another source of information, because the subjects Reed wishes to discuss are not open to negotiation.

There have been many points between the release of his bleak solo record of 1973. Berlin, and the most recent albums, New York and Magic and Loss, when this refusal to dwell on history would have made life impossible for a critic. As with so many musician/writers of his generation, Lou Reed floundered for so long that drowning seemed only a matter of time.

Then, suddenly, the pieces of his craft regrouped into something that made sense once more. Reed learned the technical secrets which enabled him to protect the sound of his music from the deadening effects of record-ing studios. His maturity, the iceberg which looms in the path of all young and angry rock stars, became useable as literary material. The audience had grown hungry for music that sounded experienced and honest, which addressed issues that were standard for other art forms yet pushed at the boundaries of rock lyric-writing.

Dressed in a nondescript sweater, sucking on a cigar, looking the way most 50-year-old men look in provin-

Still resolved to walk on the wild side

David Toop talks to Lou Reed

about rock music for grown-ups



Lou Reed: poised for the first idiotic question

been working hard. Reed admits that the limitations of his chosen palette have irked him throughout his career.

"For some reason", he says "folk, blues, jazz, certainly novels and the theatre, with out even thinking about it, all have adult-oriented material. For some reason, if you try to take the things in rock 'n' roll that you really like, and then many them with this, people seem to think that they're mutually exclusive or that the form can't hold it.

"If you really love rock 'n' roll, at a certain point it becomes obvious you are not gonna like what you liked

nostalgia, perhaps You're certainly not gonna like the new versions of what you liked when you were 18 that are out now. There's no reason why you can't still like rock 'n' roll."

The adult-oriented material that Reed confronted on Magic and Loss included death and the transformative power of art. Two of his friends died of cancer, and through songs he examined their responses to the approach of dying and his own feelings of rage, absence, optimism and an overpowersense of creative

redemption. One of the subjects of this subtle and remarkable album

was songwriter Doc Pomus. In his early years of composing. Pomus wrote for Dion, Big Joe Turner. The Drifters and Elvis Presley. As Reed points out, records such as Save the Last Dance for Me "set a standard for a certain kind of song. It established a certain kind of song on a level that it might not have been on before. It's like a phrase that'll probably be with people for a very, very long time. It'll probably wend its

way into the folk idiom." This capacity to use a simple, popular form to reflect profound and fundamental aspects of human experience has been a goal for Reed since his first songs for The Velvet Underground. Where his lyrics stand as literature can now be judged from the publication of a book, a collection of songs entitled Between Thought and Expression. Along with the sad and acerbic tales of drug addicts, transvestites, alcoholism and death, the book also prints two interviews. A fervent hater of the interview process, Reed became the interrogator in order to speak to Vaclav Havel (a personal hero) and Hubert Selby, author of Last Exit to Brooklyn.

Havel showed Reed how important these lyrics had been to dissident Czechoslovakians, who translated them and then handprinted them into small books which were distributed under threat of imprisonment. As Havel said to Reed during their meeting in 1990, "music, under-ground music, in particular one record by a band called Velvet Underground, played a rather significant role in the

development of our country. This realisation that his songs had contributed to a real freedom movement still overwhelms Reed, confirming his belief in the purpose of his work. "I really believe that art is man at his highest. It really is an expression of the highest abilities, the greatest sensitivities. It's art you turn to, to heal, to make you feel better and it's art you turn to for solutions.

■ Lou Reed's British tour begins at Manchester's Palace Theatre (061-236 8012) tomorrow at 7pm, then continues at the Playhouse. Edinburgh (031-557 2590) on Monday at 7pm and Symphony Hall. Birmingham (021-212 3333) on Thursday at 7.30pm. He plays at the Hammersmith Odeon. London (081-748 4868) on March 22, 23, 25, 26, 27.

Figaro falls flat

LAST year, Mozart's year, this theatre put on the original play of The Marriage of Figaro, clothed in a nifty translation by Ranjit Bolt that proved more enjoyable This year is Rossini's year, so it is the turn of Beaumarchais's earlier play, the play that introduced Figaro to the world. Again the English version is by Bolt, and again Lou Stein's production misses

the joy and spirit of the original.

Not that the original is ever performed over here, to offer the chance to see how Almaviva's courtship of his future Countess looks without Largo al factotum and the rest. On this evidence, the action is left looking bare. The intrigues are recognisably the same as in the opera, though the Count (Oliver Parker) is disguised as an abbe in the opening scene. His later appearances as a drunk ensign and a music teacher are familiar, as is the frequent comic business with love letters - letters dropped, concealed, purloined ortweaked from Rosine's bosom and occasionally safely

Barry Jackson's crumpled Bartholo and Helena Bonham Carter's quite spirited Rosine find some comic mileage in this letter business, because these scenes are

THEATRE The Barber of Seville Palace, Watford

crisply directed and given sufficient quick-witted acting. But all — or perhaps all but one — of the scenes with Figaro fall shockingly flat. Lee Cornes's interpretation lacks bounce and self-assurance. Nothing distinguishes him from the scores of other 18th-century servants who helped their masters sort out love-tangles. He is even unattractively coarse and could never be considered the Count's equal or superior. This leaves a hole in the play's centre that no amount of

stylish work on the periphery would be able to disguise. The click of castanets and the stamp of a dancer's high heels announce the country we are in, even if Bruno Santini's grand façade looks more like a rose-red temple from Petra than a miser's house in Seville. But when the Count and Figure encounter each other, recalling their misadventures at unnecessary length, suspicion dawns that the production is going to be short on dancing wit. So

Bolt comes up with some acceptable puns - ink and



Spirited Rosine:

Helena Bonham Carter inquisition is ingenious and apt — though not all Bonham Carter's sallies are as convinc-ing. Parker's hands trace graceful curves in the air and his smiles look dangerous. However, while the play is not farce, it needs that genre's precise entrances and swift moves to be applied to more than vanishing tricks with letters. This is a production that comes together and works, now and then, but next minute the spirit has gone and we are left watching actors hurrying, to no good effect, on a set too splendid

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A passion for politics

THIS work of astonishing precocious mastery, written when Schiller was only 23. begins deceptively in the world of Jane Austen. Musicmaster Miller and his foolish Mrs Bennett-like wife are arguing about the marital prospects of their daughter Luise, woord by Ferdinand von Walter (too grand) and Secretary Wurm (too worm-

But Schiller's drama explodes out from that domestic opening (written with delightful humour) to take on Sophocles's Antigone and the entire tragic canon of Shakespeare.

This is a play of blazing moral idealism and political anger ("to breathe freely requires revolution," says the hero at one point). The pure. natural, class-crossed love of Ferdinand and Luise is set against the corrupt machinations of the court cabal, orchestrated by Ferdinand's father, the President (effective

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ruler of the state), who decides to marry off his son to the mistress of the Prince (ruler in

You can see why this piece. almost too richly endowed with character and conflict. should have appealed to Ver-di, who made it the subject of his early opera Luisa Miller. Sometimes, especially at moments of grand, raelodramatic gesture, I yearned for the open spaces and full orchestra of the Royal Opera House. However. Theatre Ma-

nocuvres' small-scale production, directed by Patrick Wilde, brings benefits of clarity and intimacy. Cecil Hayter's spare design of cutout archways, half-classical,

half-baroque, works better in the court scenes than those set chez Miller, where Schiller. anti-classical at this point, appears to call for bourgeois realism. I missed a sense of feverish, scurrying court intrigue The acting is generally

competent and sometimes excellent. Tim Barker's hottempered, warm-hearted Miller stands out as a performance of energy and charm. Sarah Burghard's Luise, who I initially thought might lack weight, has a convincing ordinariness and grows mov-ingly into tragic depth. And Christopher Hollis copes as well as could be expected with the most difficult task of giving flesh and blood life to Ferdinand's idealistic effusions. Well worth catching this rare opportunity to see a masterwork by a great European dramatist neglected in Britain for too long.

HARRY EYRES

Further advance

VoltAire

IF YOUR idea of dance heaven is decorous movement to jazz or Janáček, then you will love VoltAire. No, this is not an exhumed French philosopher, but the second incamation of Dance Advance, a group founded by former Royal Ballet members. The publicity tells us that "Volt" implies energy, "Aire" light-

ess or music.
The new name invites quoness or music. tations from Voltaire. styles are valid", he said, "except for the boring." I have nothing against pleas-ant graceful ballet, and am also in favour of programmes that broaden their scope (and audience) by giving equal emphasis to live music. The saxophonist John Surman and planist John Taylor composed and played a musical prologue. The mezzo soprano Sally Burgess sang Debussy's Trois Chansons de Bilitis for one of the two dance pieces: the songs were spliced with a jazz score by Surman which blended surprisingly well.

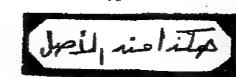
But where that dance piece collapsed was in the unevent-ful, unstructured choreography by VoltAire's artistic director, Jennifer Jackson, Alter Ego presented former and current Royal Ballet dancers who, together with Sally Burgess, paced, posed and clasped each other in pursuit of some obscure theme.

Henk Schut's costumes probably had some meaning could not decipher: Mark Silver wore a floor-length, divided skirt, Bryony Brind a hooped, short frock, Burgess clinging Fortuny pleats; but Michael Corder in trousers and shirt looked simply

ordinary. Corder contributed the final piece. Concise and beautifully crafted. In The Mists takes its title from the accompanying piano music by Janáček and contrasts two couples in a series of highly individual duets. Brind and Silver yearned and trembled in lyrical curves; Laura Hussey and Michael Rolnick sternly held their space, with tight vertical contours. At last, the technical and interpretative powers of the dancers were being used. At last,

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quizzes, but people forget stories," he says. The most interesting of the CFU scripts are generally the

tersea youth dub: the scene they are filming is a turbulent crowd of kids in front of video games. The sound person has been going crazy because the equipment keeps breaking down. The rest of the cast and crew rehearse calmly, if not quietly, until she is ready; then a couple of takes and the shot is done. The atmosphere is professional, serious, confident. Chris, the clapper-boy, is nine years old, the cameraman is

13, the sound person 15 and the first assistant, controlling and disciplining the whole

operation, is 14.
The Children's Film Unit

has been running its weekly Saturday workshops for more than a decade. Around 100 children are involved at any one time, and since 1979 the unit has produced 12 feature films. All have been shown on television and in theatres. This year's film, How's Business, is the most ambitious so far: its £160,000 budget is twice as much as any CFU film before. Tomorrow, it has its own royal premiere, in the presence of Prince Edward, at the Odeon West End. The unit was founded by Colin Finbow when he was a teacher of film studies at Forest Hill School. Between

1969 and 1979 a succession

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emerged from the children of

Forest Hill, including a fea-ture-length adaptation of Ray

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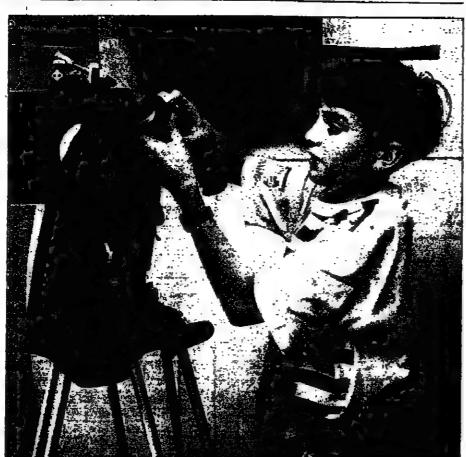
Business is the first to be financed by the Children's Film and Television Founda-

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age, says its chairman, Lord

Birkett, the making of story films for children. "Children

have television talk shows and



Taste of the reel thing

David Robinson goes out on location with the Children's Film Unit

Stand aside, Spielberg: Jamie Cairney behind a camera for the Children's Film Unit

children's own. The story line is initially developed in conferences; then the actors improvise. "They are drawn to strongly social subjects like ecology," says Finbow. "And family sluanions of course."

Pre-production of the feature begins at Christmas, and shooting takes place in the summer holidays. When films are shot on location, the unit works around friendly boarding schools who will lodge them. The features are only the most visible part. though. Our really important work is the workshops.

The children agree there is nothing like it anywhere else. Emma, the sound person says: "My family don't really believe me. They say, That's ridiculous. Who's going to let you make films?

in charge of lighting. "It's quite stressful sometimes. I'm the only one on lights. If anything goes wrong, it's mainly me. That why lights aren't as popular as camera or sound

Like Aron and Emma, most of the students are determined to make a career in the media. A lot of CFU alumni have already entered the industry or gone on to film schools. One who started as an 11-year-old camera-man has just gone to UCLA film school.

Others, like cameraman Alex, 13, already have inde-pendent plans: "I made a 15-minute video short; now I want to do a feature. The script's about kids at school, talking realistically. It's a

think they can make some money out of selling pirate videos and come unstuck."

Emma is still struggling with the sound equipmen "The other day we had to hold on to the wires all the time we were shooting. The equipment is just so old."

The unit depends entirely on gifts of obsolete equipment thrown out by professional companies. The Gulbenkian Foundation gave £11,000 to set the workshops up in the first three years; later the now-defunct BAFTA-Shell initiative gave £10,000 over

The irony is that while we struggle from hand to mouth. there are constant requests

subject we quite often talk Not the full king's shilling



Star turn: Ken Stott, right, as Sergeant Kite, who relies on the heavenly art of astrology to aid earthly designs

THEATRE The Recruiting

Officer

Olivier

WHEN William Gaskill staged this play for the National 30 years ago, he was heavily influenced by Brecht's adaptation, Trumpets and Drums, which the Berliner Ensemble had recently

brought to London. There was humour there, all right — how could there not be, when Maggie Smith was playing Farquhar's assertive heroine and Olivier a lecherous captain? - but it was the realism and the social satire that captivated the critics. At that point the mincing gallantry left Restoration comedy, and the genre has never been quite the same

Yet was the production altogether true to Farquhar, the most genial of the period's dramatists? Certainly, Nicholas Hytner seems to think it time for a gentler approach. That must be why his designer, Ashley Martin-Davis, has converted the town of Shrewsbury into a Brobdingnagian play-pen. The houses are overblown versions of the cubes, gables and steeples -windowless if not doorless hat tiny children use to build pretend villages. There are sniny pink pigs and shiny laughter even Gaskill did. white sheep from some tor's Alex Jennings is certainly

pretend farm. The suggestion is that the play is more fun. and the fun more harmless. than we had remembered. Unfortunately, Hytner has

failed to prove that his gains outbalance his losses. Not for nothing was Farquhar's picture of a recruiting campaign assailed in its day as a slander on the men who had just triumphed at Bleaheim. We may, if we wish, simply laugh at his soldiers' corruption and chicanery. The scene in which canny Sergeant Kite disguises himself as an astrologer, the better to manipulate his cannon fodder, could and should be hilarious. But there is a court-room scene in which men are peremptorily separated from their women. wives sent to houses of correction, and ferociously menacing "articles of war" read. Here, the arncles are truncated and, like the press-ganging itself, pass for little in the

True, Farquhar had been a recruiting officer himself and belonged to an age less squeamish than our own. True, much would be forgiven if the comedy fizzed and bubbled. There are plenty of possibilities in the tale of Captain Plume, who enlists troops with relaxed skill, but has a harder time recruiting a wife. especially as she spends much of the evening disguised as an aspiring soldier. Yet the best efforts of some strong, intelligent actors don't generate the laughter even Gaskill did.

intelligent enough. His Plume exudes urbane eroticism, easy confidence, and more. One moment he is the kind of Restoration rake whose natural habitat would be the plays of Etherege and Wycherley, the next he is an 18th-century gentleman. ready for Sheridan and Gold-

smith; and he makes the transition seem logical. Sally Dexter is intelligent, too, transforming Plume's Silvia into a hearty, robust girl who wears dresses of military scarlet, playfully spanks her lover when he wanders, and very nearly punches an irritatingly

haughty friend. That makes her transformation into a pert, swaggering boy the more effective.

Yet somehow the spirits lift only when Desmond Barrit, making the Olivier role his own, takes the stage. His braggart soldier part-saunters, part-lollops about the stage, a chic Presley hairdo and an incongruously round paunch suggesting that a beachcomber has been blended with a beachball. If only Farquhar had given us more of him! That would at least have added exuberance to a pretty bland production.

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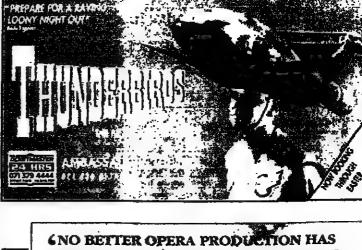
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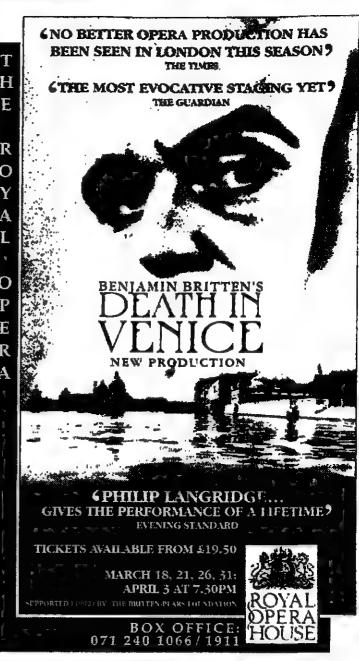
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the tongue. There is a markedly

European accent to certain dishes, e.g. scallops with a dressed salad. fried sprats, fried sardines. Aubergine with

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Jonathan Meades investigates a curious case of impressive Milanese chic in London sadly, without food to match

he dining-room of The Halkin is unlike that of any other swish London hotel. The influence of Colefax and Fowler is notable by its absolute absence. The customer is not requested to suspend discernment and abandon taste. It is cool, modern, bereft of repro, far from kitsch — far, too, from minimalist. There are, certainly, no cornices, no wainscots, no carpets. But it doesn't feel uncomfortably pure. The cutlery and candelabra and damask napery are all quietly satisfying. The place doesn't screech. Indeed it is vaguely funereal: the windows are draped with white sheets, lilies abound, a harpist plays in the hall. The authors of all this are a firm called Laboratorio Associati.

Up-to-the-minute Milanese de-sign is one thing. Up-to-theminute Milanese cooking is quite another. The Halkin's restaurant is run by the Milanese chef called Gualtiero Marchesi as some sort of consultancy. The staff are Marchesi trained. The recipes are Marchesi's. And, presumably, the man himself shows up now and again to fine-tune or whatever it is that these big-name chefs do. He is indubitably a big name. Italy is not a country of celebrity chefs. The appeal of Italian cooking lies in its regionality, its immutability, its conservatism, its lack of chefconceits. Marchesi's massively successful wheeze has been to promote himself in the manner of the French chels of the past ten or 20 years. And France, in the form of the Michelin guide, has re-sponded by awarding his restau-rant in suburban Milan three stars.

Now, Michelin Italia is just about the dodgiest vade-mecum any traveller in that country could possibly be saddled with. It would be incorrect though, to say that it's worse than useless for, unwittingly, it does provide an inverse guide. In other words avoid any restaurant with a star, run a mile from one with two stars. Etc. Unless, that is, you are a devotee of pseudo-French nuova cucina. By the same token look out for establishments that Michelin doesn't even list - e.g. the best restaurant in Rome.

Checchino dal 1887 at Testaccio. Marchesi's method of self promotion has been to all but abandon the norms of the Lombardian repertoire and to experiment. In a predictable manner that is, of

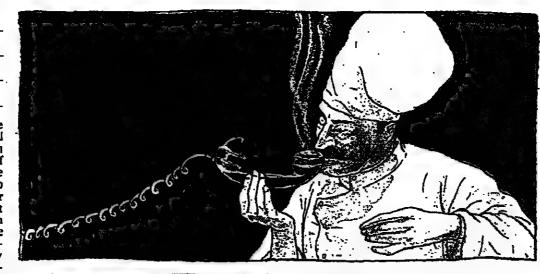
course, just the opposite of genuine experiment. Thus there is, as well as the influence of French overelaboration, the influence of the Orient, especially Japan. Quite why a hotel as otherwise wised up as The Halkin chose to go in for the flavour of the season before last is anybody's guess. Seven or ten years ago in London there were any number of restaurants peddling this pretty-pretty, pretty poncey, pretty vapid kind of cooking; they've either gone to the wall or got a new act.

By the debased standard of the enre Marchesi is not too bad. Ten out of ten for effort and for labour intensity. And the score for all round flower-arranging must also be quite high. Not to mention the question of the bottle to demand impertmently high prices - that's another ten, I'd say. Still service is included, and it's very good indeed. The apparently all male staff are done out in dark, well-cut suits and in shirts with either button-down or tab collars. Emporio Armani new clothes, which is only apt. They are well mannered and show the right amount of attention.

The menu can be divided into

silly-billy stuff and the rest. The rest has the virtue of being compe-tent, if unremarkable. It includes: plainly roast kidney with a properly judged gravy and so-so latke thing - both the gravy and the potato cake were speckled with microscopic flecks of parsley: fine chopping is just the sort of thing this kitchen would be well practised in. Then there is macaroni with a fole gras sauce and truffles. Foie gras is, of course, not encountered in autochthonous Italian cooking; and nor is it often encountered in French cooking in the manner that it's used here. It's puréed to make a sauce for rather hefty pasta, a sauce of such "delicacy" that its flavour is in danger of disappearing. Still, the idea is all right and the thing would come off if the sauce was less parsimoniously served. The puddings are sound. There is an unusual creation of ricotta, nuts and chocolate: and the ice-creams and sorbets are spot on.

Certain items, however, trespass into the land of chef fantasy. The mixed antipasto of fish is a phenomenal rip-off, one of those "we saw you coming" numbers which only the steely nerved can





get away with and which only the mug will fall for. It comprises a square, sort-of Japanese plate di-vided into dinky sections in each of which is a teensy sampler of some piscine delicacy. Well, that's what t looks like. But the fish preparations are uniformly bland and unseasoned: cold fried bass, scallops and French beans, cold spaghetti with caviare, marinated salmon with a dollop of pear purce, lobster with sweet pepper purce. The salmon was at least as good as the run of high-class

graviax; but the other things were ordinary at best. A dish of lamb was misguided in the way that strivingly cute creations so often are. It was presented in a Chinese steamer, and might even have been cooked in it. The meat comprised three grey fists each topped with a walnut like some offcolour whip. There were leeks with it, in two forms. Some steamed, the others chopped in a sauce with an unusually tart balsamic vine-gar. The meat tasted of nothing, the sauce stung. Ah, well. With one aperitif and one glass of house wine the bill was £97. I'd guess that £110 or £120 would be a more usual sum to put down à la carte there are cheaper set menus. Given the beguiling originality of the place and the amiability of the staff it seems a real pity that this hotel should have landed itself with such a kitchen.

Halkin Street, London SW1 (071-333 1000)

JONATHAN MEADES'S RESTAURANT GUIDE

Marks — up to a maximum of ten — are awarded for cooking and although they are intended to reflect value for money they are not determined by this consideration alone: certain very costly restaurants are very good, certain very cheap ones are, too. All prices given are approximate — they are for a three-course meal for two, including modest wine and an aperitif. Dishes are mentioned only as an indication of the repertoire. Never be afraid to complain. Phone first. It is not only discourteness but illegal to dishoneur bookings: that soes for restaurants not only discourteous but illegal to dishonour bookings; that goes for restaurants as well as customers. J.M.

JAPANESE

233 Earls Court Road, London SW5 (071-373 5400) Effortfully fashionable Japanese "cafe". There's an impressive range of sakes and Jap beers. But it's hardly worthwhile putting up with the relentlessly chaotic service and for the sake of the cooking which rarely rises above the ordinary. 540 plus. Lunch and dinner Tues-Sun.

11 Beauchamp Place, London SW3 (071-581 3837)

Exquisite Japanese cooking in a pleasant enough basement. Part of the repertoire's appeal is its unfamiliarity - bean curd with cod roe, cuttle fish with cod roe, bean curd with salmon entrails, dried sardine fry, sea cucum-ber etc. But equally the quality is beguiling. The constant counterpoint of subdety and belligerence of flavour is remarkable. E80. Lunch Tues-Sat, din-

2 32 Broadgate Circle, Broadgate, London EC2 (071-638 5863) The ground floor, which has no view of the arena at the centre of Broadgate, houses a tepan yaki bar. In the basement is a standard issue Japanese restaurant — high prices, folkloric dress, production-line cooking, mean portions. £75 plus, Lunch and dinner Mon-Fri.

33 Goodge Street. London Wi (071-323 0477) Japanese canteen. Robust country cooking - beef stew with potato etc. Sashimi is better than it looks. Excellent, if initially off-putting, raw salmon with seaweed. Among the best of a generation of Japanese restuarants that is more concerned with cooking

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2 31 Marylebone Lane, London W1 (071-935 1509)

Standard issue Japanese cooking and raw presentation relieved by such oddities as pork with cabbage. Lunch and dinner Mon-Fri, dinner Sun. E50.

local Spaniards. The bar is rather better than the restaurant. The Assurian bean stew called fabada, the black puddings, the mountain ham, the tortilla and the skewered pork are all commendable. Tapas £16 plus, meal £35 plus. Lunch Mon-Sun, dinner

Galicia

323 Portobello Road. London
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Authentically unambitious cooking from northwest Spain. Curiously authentic atmosphere too: the fact that the majority of the pumers are Spanish helps here. Fish is cooked with some degree of basic skill. Meat isn't. The Bar Escoba

102 Old Brompton Road,
London SW7 (071-373 2403)
Ersatz Spanish tapas served in a former
pub done over by the trendiest designers of 1986. The lack of accuracy in wines are cheap and portions are large.

A good looking joint in a serious, unfashionable way. 540 plus. Lunch and dinner Tues-Sun. the cooking is rather astonishing. Good for teenagers with wrecked taste buds. Lunch and dinner every day. £40 plus. 33 The Cut, London SEI (071-928 3237)
Pleasant tapas bur near Waterloo frequented by Marbella hands. Mear

38a Southwick Street, London W.2 (071-706 1870) Competent tapas served in a rather sustere Paddington basement. The clientele is Spanish middle management, the atmosphere is animated. Indifferent tornilla, good octopus with pimento and baby squid. A full meal for two will cost about £40. Lunch and dinner Mon-Sat.

KIND FOOD ALISON JOHNSON

Pity the poor milk cow

mythology, a cosmic cow licked the first humans into shape; to Hindus the cow is still sacred; and within living memory. Highland milkmaids sang to their charges, addressing them as queens and princesses.

That is a far cry from today's standard dairy Friesian, who is inseminated, calved, fed, milked and monitored with impersonal, scientific efficiency. But even among hardbitten, modern dairy farmers, there is a residual affection for these animals that has vanished from other forms of intensive livestock farming.

The gentle, nurturing cow gives dairying a good feel, to both producers and consumers: which is perhaps why many vegetarians who would recoil in horror from a corpse and two veg regard cheese and

However, the cow's lot is not an entirely happy one. Dairy farming depends on producing unwanted calves: if humans are to drink their milk the babies have to be deprived or slaughtered. Forcible early weaning is traumatic for both mothers and caives. The latter end up as beef or yeal not so bad if they stay in Britain, where veal rearing is humane, but a horrible fate if they are exported to

the Continent.

milk as sinless.

The dairy cow is always pregnant, lactating or both; her body is under constant strain and by the age of four or five she is worm out and turned into meat pies. There is too much milk in Europe, yet because highvielding individuals are a more efficient use of space and feed, ever greater production is demanded of the dairy cow.

Selective breeding, unnaturally protein-rich feeds and increasingly robotic milking parlours all play their part. There are even signs that permanent confinement in stalls

may be the next step The growth hormone BST (bovine sumatotropin) may soon add to the dairy cow's problems. Though under a two-year moratorium in the EC, it is in use in the US and there is immense pressure from the pharmaceutical companies which market it to get it legalised here. It causes mastitis and grossly swollen udders, in return for 40 per

cent more milk. The welfare arguments against excessive consumption of dairy products are different only in slight degree from those against gorging on any other animal food. As usual, the undramatic action is the kind one: consume a bit less and pay a bit more.

I prefer organic milk because, as with all

he milk cow has been loved in almost organic production, routine drugs are every time and culture. In Norse banned. Without the option of prophylactic medication, the cows simply can't be squeezed as hard to produce more milk. Most supermarkets sell organic milk and cheeses. To encourage the proper bucolic enthusiasm, though, I recommend looking in your area for organic farms which do

some dairying.

Such places often have a farm shop and need all the visitors they can get, since this kind of farming is not an easy ordon. One l have visited recently is Path Hill Farm at Whitchurch-on-Thames. It's worth a considerable detour to see their gentle Guernseys come in to be milked.

They also rear pigs and hens and their farm shop at the Old Dairy (open Wednesday to Saturday 10am-5pm, and Sunday 3-5pm) sells lots of

organic goodies, including excep-tionally luscious cream and yoghurt. Organic cheeses are not always easy to not always easy to find, but failing them. I buy the fullest flavoured and use them sparingly. You need far less of a muscular farmhouse cheddar than its flabby orange mitators, particularly in cooking. Numeg, mustard and cayenne pepper bring out the

lavour, so try these Strong-flavoured blue cheeses perform well in cooked dishes. Their pungency mellows into richness

with heat, so don't be afraid of outcry from young family members who hate smelly cheese. I doubt if they would sniff it out in recipes like this.

Leek and stilton flan 602/170g wholemeal flour Itsp baking powder; pinch chilli powder 302/85g margarine: water to mix 3 fat leeks; 2 free-range eggs 20z/55g stilton 4 pt/150ml creamy milk pinch nutmeg; tsp each dried thyme, basil 2tbsp chopped fresh parsley

Preheat oven to 180C. Rub fat into dry ingredients, mix to stiff dough with water. roll out to line 8in flan ring. Slice and wash leeks, blanch 3 minutes, drain well. Beat eggs, use a little to brush inside pastry case. combine remainder with all other ingredients. Bake empty case 3 minutes to dry egg, fill and bake 50-60 minutes, reducing heat to 130C after 15 minutes.

 Path Hill Farm, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Oxon RG8 7RE. Farm Shop: 0734 842392.

Staying small and selling big together

Jane MacQuitty discovers that French co-ops are tops for taste and value

re Caves Co-Opéra-A tives "the sleeping beauties of French wine production", as leading winemaker Hugh Ryman claims? Or is there, as one top supermarket buyer puts it, merely a lot of dross floating

around in co-ops"?
The truth is that both statements are correct. But given the increasing roll call of great Caves Co-operatives wines, I rather think that Mr Ryman, the producer of 200,000 cases of the 1992 French vintage made at three different co-opératives, ls

Indeed, the global success of Vin de Pays has had much to do with the strength and expertise of its Caves Cooperatives producers. Brit-ain's wine drinkers may not realise it, but the £2.99 French wine will not have been made in a small rustic cellar, but more likely in a giant co-operative winery.

The first French wine co-operatives were founded in

1901 in Hérault and Bergerac, earlier still if you count the co-operative at Ribeauville in Alsace, founded under German occupation in 1895. After an era of growth between the wars, there has been a slowdown and in recent years even a contraction, as larger co-ops have absorbed smaller, nonprofitable concerns. The EC's anti-wine lake regime and decreasing French wine production has also contributed

to this trend. Today, there are a little more than 1,000 Caves Coopératives in France, taking in the grapes from around 200,000 vignerons with small vineyards who cannot afford to press their own grapes. Better to take them to the nearest co-operative, where trained oenologists destem, crush and turn the

grapes into wine. Apart from expertly vinifying their members'

grapes with whatever expensive equipment is necessary, the Caves Co-opératives also undertake to bottle and sell the resulting wine, ploughing the profits back into their

What has changed greatly since the early days is the improved vinification equipment used by most Caves Cooperatives. Costly inox, or stainless steel tanks, are found everywhere, as are small, on-site laboratories to test each batch of grapes and tank of wine. New oak barrels, used only on the co-operative's finest selection, are also on the increase, especially in Burgundy and

Bordeaux Viticultural techniques have also improved among co-operative members, as their respective co-ops demand finer grapes and are prepared to pay extra for

nder-funded, low quality Caves Co-opératives do exist, particularly in the south, where, before EC practices were en-forced, quantity not quality was the goal. Dismal though these dirty, badly run wineries are with almost all their output sold in bulk - via pumps attached to the fermentation tanks, disgorging straight into customers' bottles — they are not the worst aspect of the co-operative movement.

Petty politics, to my mind. are the least appealing part of the Caves Co-operatives' make-up. Die-hard committees treat the sometimes backward-looking AC laws as gospel, ensuring that nobody in the local grape-growing community tries any new technique or experiments with vines from outside the HEA.

A good example of this are the excellent VDQS wines from the Haut Poitou Coopérative situated just south



Togetherness: field workers celebrate the new vintage from their local co-operative

of the Loire. Because Haut Poitou's imaginative director has chosen to plant, vinify and sell very successfully unauthorised grape varieties for the area, this co-op has not been given the AC quality designation it deserves. Recognising a co-operative-

produced wine, apart from its appealingly low price, is usu-ally easy. Look out for the words at the bottom of the label such as Caves de, Cave Vinicole de, Cave des Vignerons de. Les Producteurs Réunis de, or L'union de Producteurs, foilowed by the name of the village or district.

Taking one of the best cooperative buys on the right, it easy to see why these French wines are so worthwhile. I had to prune hard to select these seven.

Other first-class co-operative producers include the Caves des Vignerons de Saumur, Caves de Wissembourg. Producteurs Plaimont, Cave de Viré. Cave de Lugny and

BEST BUYS

 1988 St Emilion Grand Cru, L'Union de Producteurs de Saint Emilion Majestic Wine Warehouses £5.99

The '88s rich chocolatey fruit is a delight: could cost £3 more. • 1988 Hantes-Côtes-de-Beaune, Tête de Cavée, Les Caves des Hantes Côtes Tesco E5.59, Oddbins E5.69, Waitrose E5.75 A shining example of what good, cheap red burgundy should be and rarely is. Fragrant, delicate and oozing with ripe, plummy.

• 1988 Menrgis, Crémant de Bourgogne, Caves de Bailly Peter Dominic and Bottoms Up £6.99 The best burgundy méthode champenoise fizz avrilable. This elegant, waxy-fruity. aged sparkler makes a special aperitif. e 1988 Montagny, I er Cru. Caves des Vigueroles de Busy Tesco 17.25, Gateway stocks the '89 vintage for the same price Extraordinarily close to top Côte d'Or white burgundy, at a fraction of the cost. A fine, rich, nutry, herbaceous white.

• 1990 Sauvignon du Haut Poitou, Cave du Haut Poitou Safeway 23,59, Waitrose 23,65, Majestic 23,99 Haut Poitou's range always impresses; this is the finest to date with lots of zingy, verdant, floral fruit. • 1990 Pinot Blanc, Cave Vinicole de Turckheim

Thresher/Wine Rack E3.99, The Victoria Wine Company £4.25. Oodles of elegant, appley fruit in this excellent Alsace white.

• 1990 Chablis. La Chablisienne Tesco and Gateway £6.75. Waitrose £7.25. Marks & Spencer £7.50 Waitrose 17.25, Marks of Spencer 17.250
Chablis is never going to be cheap, but this offering from the region's quality-minded co-operative is good value. Leafy, floral style under-pinned by lots of rich, herbaceous, cheesy fruit. Budget price increases will be applied soon

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Fish is good for us, in old or new varieties. Frances Bissell, The Times cook, recommends putting

lots of it in a hearty soup

meat was forbidden not just on Friday but on Saturday and Wednesday through Lent. Imagine the importance of the fishing industry then. in the early 15th century, boats from the east coast ports would spend all spring and summer in Icelandic waters, returning with salt-preserved fish for the markets. Inshore fishing, shellfish gather-

ing and coarse fishing all went to supply the same demand, but although the well-to-do were able to afford a varied diet of fresh fish and shellfish, the poor could afford only the salted or dried fish. Oysters, however, were cheap and a staple until Victorian times.

With such a monotonous en-forced diet, it was not surprising that once fast days were no longer obligatory, our forebears gave up eating fish on a regular basis and the fishing industry declined.

This changed in the middle of

the last century when the first cook shops were opened in the cities to cater for people employed in factories. This was the beginning of the fish and chip shop, and it resulted in a rebirth of the fishing industry. Today, the scene is different spain and us seen is different again and we see more

fish shops closing than opening.

I wish we could all seek out and support a fishmonger. Fish is good for us; highly nutritious, low in fat, but best of all, delicious, and quick and easy to cook. It is immensely varied in its flavours and texture Even within the large cod family there are differences. Whiting, of the same family, is delicate, and though liable to break up easily is invaluable as a basis for mousses

and terrines.

Monkfish is dense in texture with a sweet flavour. Mackerel. herring, tuna and other oily fish can take strongly flavoured accompaniments such as the gooseberry sauce served traditionally with mackerel, Mediterranean fia-

hen England was a vours of garlic and tomatoes or the Catholic country, oriental tones of ginger, soy sauce and sesame oil.

As well as these, and the whole range of smoked fish, shellfish and freshwater fish, new fish are being introduced to our shops, such as the brightly coloured tropical fish from the Seychelles, the cod-like hoki from New Zealand and those from more northern waters, such as Arctic char and the current favourite among chefs, the zander or pike-perch with sweet, firm white flesh.

One of my favourite ways to cook and eat fish is as a large pot of steaming, fragrant soup. This could be a thick creamy cod chowder, a hot and spicy shellfish soup such as the Thai tom yam

gung or a golden bouillabaisse.

I cook my fish soup in three
stages. First, the base is made,
which provides the underlying
flavours of herbs, garlic and tomatoes. Then the stock is made, and

aroes. I nen the stock is made, and finally the two are cooked together and the fish added at the third stage for the last few minutes.

The stock is best made with the bones from monkfish, sole, plaice, brill, turbot, ling, catfish, coley and other white fish. Salmon bones and head can also be used, as can jobster and crab ebells if as can lobster and crab shells if available. Prawn shells should, I feel, be used with discretion, as they have a sweet, powerful fla-vour. Fish bones can be frozen until you have enough to make a

Fish soup
(servas 8)
The base
4thsp extra virgin olive oil
l onion, pecled and chopped
2 looks, trimmed, sileed and rinsed
I small fennel bulb, diced, (optional)
1x7oz/200g can plum tomatoes, or equivalent in fresh, ripe tomatoes, peeled and chopped
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sprig of thyme



Heat the oil in a large, heavy pot, and in it sweat the vegetables and herbs until the fennel (if using it) and the onion are soft.

The stock
3-4/b/1.35-1.8kg fish bones and trimmings
1-2thsp extra virgin olive oil

4pt/2.251 water 's colory stalk bay leaf I thin slice fresh ginger (optional)

Chop the bones into manageable pieces and fry them gently in the olive oil for a few minutes. Add the water and seasonings. Bring to the boll, skim any foam from the surface and simmer for about 20-30 minutes. There is no merit in cooking fish bones any longer, as all the fisyour will have been extracted. Sleve into a bowl or jug through a fine mesh sieve, through a coffee filter paper or through a scalded muslin cloth placed over a sieve.

The flavouring

Use a good pinch of saffron steeped in a little of the hot fish stock, or especially nice if you have used fennel, a good slug of Pernod. Both or either can be used. Stir into the vegetable base, and pour in the strained stock. Bring to the boll, and season to taste. Simmer the broth gently while you prepare

2-3lb/900g-1.3Skg fish, prepared weight (without skin and bone)

Use any firm white fish, such as cod, ling, coley and monkfish. One small red muller, scaled and filleted or chopped into three or four pieces, will add some extra

Crustaces can be left whole. Mussels should be scrubbed and barnacies knocked off the shells. Discard any mussels that remain open. Out the fish fillets into 2-3in/5-7.5cm pieces.

Chopped parsley for garnish is not essential. A thick, garlicky rouille, made like mayonnaise and with the addition of cayenne pepper, is a good accompaniment, but so is a herb and garlic mayonnaise. Croutons or breadsticks go well with the soup. I do not recommend using grated Gruyere cheese with bouillabaisse, or with this fish soup either, particularly if you use shellfish.

The final preparation and cooking is simple and takes less than ten minutes, so the base, the stock, the flavourings and the trimmings can be prepared well in advance. Put the prepared fish pieces into the simmering soup, which will immediately stop simmering. Bring back to simmering point. and hold there for 3-4 minutes. This is sufficient to cook the fish, which will continue to cook in the mixed with a little hot liquid even when the pan is oil when chopped.

removed from the heat. Serve the soup from the pot in which it was cooked, or quickly transfer it to a heated soup tureen, and from there to heated soup bowls.

This fish soup is a large, rustic style of dish and is ideal as a main course. If you want a more elegant version for a first course, place a few thin slices of raw fish in the bottom of a heated soup plate, and pour the strained boiling soup over it, which will be hot enough to just cook the fish. In this case, 121b/680g fish will be ample.

WITH this next dish, the Parma ham and sage add plenty of flav-our to the rainbow trout, often considered a rather bland fish. Other fish fillets can be cooked in the same way, mackerel being a particularly good choice. If you do not want to use any meat, substitute a piece of undyed smoked haddock for the Parma ham. mixed with a little cream or olive

Rainbow trust and Parma ham in paper parcels with hot potato salad

serves four

4 large greaseproof paper hearts, brushed with offve oil 4lb/340g small waxy potatoes or

new polatoes 4 rainbow trout fillets, skinned and weighing about 60z/170g each

4oz/110g Parma ham 8 sage leaves 4 ibsp extra virgin olive oil

freshly ground black pepper

Scrub or peel and parboil the potatoes. When cool, slice or dice and divide among the paper hearts, placing them on one half only. Trim and bone the fillets to a neat shape. Chop the ham and sage leaves, and roll each filler around a spoonful of the mixture. Place the fish on top of the potatoes, sprinkle with olive oil and black pepper. Fold and seal the parcels. Bake for 8-10 minutes in a pre-heated oven, 180C/350F, gas mark 4.

Rare treats from old breeds

The Old Spot pig and Balwen sheep

> make a tasty change from

intensively raised modern breeds

onservation-minded carnivores may be glad, if surprised, to hear that raising rare breeds for consumption is OK. According to Richard Lutwyche, demand will encourage farmers to keep fine-flavoured rare breeds of sheep and pigs, which he believes could thus increase their numbers.

Mr Lutwyche has pioneered meat supplies from rare and minority breeds through his company The Corswold Gourmet. He is also a life member of the Rare Breeds Survival Trust — and he is adamant that the two interesis are compatible. Two years ago he was a prime mover in saving the magnificent Gloucestershire Old Spot pig from extinction by establishing the breed club. (The spots are believed to have been caused by windfall apples, hence its country

name of Orchard pig.)
At his Cotswold cottage. near Cirencester, Mr Lutwyche says: "People may think 'If this is rare, I shouldn't eat it . . .' But don't fall into the trap of believing that to eat rare breeds is to endanger them further.

'Giving rare breeds a firm commercial base encourages more people to keep them. Born into a farming family. Mr Lutwyche breeds British Saddleback pigs and Gloucestershire Old Spots.

He also firmly believes that

the flavour of old, traditional breeds is delectable. He and his wife long ago gave up eating comparatively flavourless, intensively-produced pork - many people believe that its pale, watery looking flesh is indicative of an animal subjected to pig stress syndrome. Now they opt for succulent bacon and cuts from breeds fondly recalled as traditional cottag-ers' pigs. Gloucestershire Old Spot, for instance, cannot be hurried towards maturity by the use of artificial growth



Specialist: Richard Lutwyche with a rare Norfolk Horn lamb owned by a neighbour

hour has come, Mr Lutwyche

drives them to a specially

selected local abattoir.

enthusiastic advocate of pork from the Iron Age pig, which was bred by crossing wild boar with the Tamworth breed. Its meat is darker, more flavoursome than modern pork and significantly cheaper than wild boar.

Mr Lutwyche continued for a time to eat lamb sold by butchers' multiples, under the impression its flavour had not suffered to the same extent as intensively produced pork. "Then we tasted rare-breed cuts ..." he says.

According to Mr Lutwyche individual, traditional sheep breeds have their own distinctive flavour. New season Cotswold lamb is sweet and tender, for example, but a more robust palate might lean towards the "peaty fla-voured" Norfolk Horn, in meat terms a vastly different

His suppliers are handpicked and he visits farms to see how animals he selects are cared for. "It's what butchers used to do years ago," he says.

Mr Lutwyche is also an "Nowadays few wholesalers see the animal on the hoof." Those animals chosen for The Cotswold Gourmet are not given artificial growth boosters, hormones or unnecessary antibiotics. When their

> anging the meat correctly is impor-I tant when it comes to rare breeds before being prepared for sale to the public

in half-lamb packs.

Lamb available from Mr Lutwyche includes Cotswold, Balwen (originating in the Welsh mountains), Ryeland (from Herefordshire and now a minority rather than a rare breed), grey-faced Dartmoor and Norfolk Horn, which is one of the rarest breeds.

Primitive breeds of sheep which most commercial livestock, markets would not touch, offer sweet, piquant meat and find favour with Mr Lutwyche: Shetland has a hint of game, Hebridean is also subtly gamey - and Soay is so small a 15lb pack (at £55) represents the whole lamb. Smoked lamb, a favourite in northern Europe, is also available in 3lb packs of noisenes or half legs.

Half-pig packs include "al-most wild" sausages made from Iron Age pigs and genuine Gloucestershire Old Spot sausages.
The Cotswold Gourmer's

minimum order is £25 and some meats on offer from very rare stock are limited. Delivery of frozen meat is normally restricted to Gloucestershire and adjoining counties, with a minimum charge of £10, rising to £15 for Avon, Gwent, Hereford and Worcester. Oxfordshire. Warwickshire and Wiltshire. Further afield arrangement.

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Thatcher reaching for straws in the wind (mine, I hope)

little difficulty, so do child-ren and giraffes; but how am I going to ensure that the wheat that I have just planted grows vertically and not at some lazy angle? Any deviation from the upright would spell disaster: we need it long and tall, reaching for

Wheat growers do not usually concern themselves with geometric considerations such as uprightness. Yield is generally more important and if the wheat droops a bit, the combine can scoop it up. But my wheat is no mere foodstuff: am going into the roofing materials business.

You may not be aware of this, out thatched roofs are not generally made out of straw these days. It is more likely to be reed, and imported reed at that. But tucked away in a column of our local newspaper recently was a report of

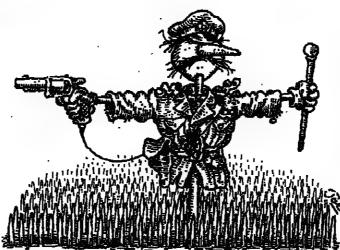
PARMER'S DIARY: PAUL HEINEY

meeting of the local planning committee. It is now their declared intention to insist that when thatched cottages are reroofed, they should be thatched with the original materials. If your old roof was thatched with straw, you may not re-thatch it with reed. This is good news if you are a straw

grower, as I intend to be. The difference between a straw roof and one made of reed is the difference between a fluffy cushion and a hard-seated bench. Reed thatch is sharp and angular, appealing to those who like neatlyshaped flower beds and lawns with razor-sharp edges. Long straw thatch, on the other hand, flops over a house like a fat down pillow.

Needless to say, modern agriculture does not serve the thatcher well. He needs his straw to be long and durable, and it is no use to him when it has been through a combine-harvester. It emerges muddled, fragmented and

battered. What you need is the old-fashioned binder like ours, which ties the corn into neat sheaves without even bending the straw. You then feed those sheaves into the thrashing machine (we've got one of those too) which also treats the straw in a firm but gentle manner. This gives the thatcher his raw material, and the farmer a gratifying chance to sell his product twice, marketing both the grain and the stalk that held it. But you need the right seed: and



had it not been for a chance meeting with a tnatcher, Mr Cousins, my project might never have got off the ground.

Mr Cousins (or Major Cousins as he styles himself in the tele-

phone book: perhaps he simply commands his wheat to stand to attention, and achieves the upright effect that way) is a walking encyclopaedia of wheat. He has dried straws in his house which he

waves and declares to be "related to an old Russian spring wheat!" or to have been "around since Egyptian times". His enthusiasm is infectious. I had not thought of wheat-growing as anything more than putting seed into the ground and hoping for a harvest; but I now long to write across my fields one more chapter in a long and noble history.

Old-fashioned wheats have de-

lightful names. He showed me Campton Rivet and Little Joss. Where was Rampton, who was joss? Then we came to a variety known as Squarehead's Master. Who was square-headed, and how did this wheat became master of him? Perhaps I am to find out.

We scooped a few hundredweights of this rare and precious grain into bags and when I asked when it should be sown, was told simply: "Yesterday." The horses were harnessed, the seed drill

dragged from the shed and dusted down, and in rows as straight as I could possibly manage the seed was sown. I found it a moving experience; like attending the birth of the offspring of an endangered species. I vowed to give it loving care and attention.

Consequently the yellow and black fluttering bird-scaring kite which did us proud last year was uncovered from the back of the barn. It is now flying hawklike in the breeze and the marauding rooks and crows. I hope, are knocking their knees in terror and resolving not even to point a felonious beak at my field of rare and precious wheat.

We sowed it a month ago and it has just sprouted. Some shoots are not quite as upright as I would like but I will allow them a wavering childhood. However, let the wheat be warned. Any sloppy behaviour. and I am sending for the major.

In the fast lane to extinction

ast week, a bunch of envi-ronment-minded people I saw a tawny owl fly directly overhead while they were working on a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). Nothing unusual about that — tawnies have been doing well since DDT was banned.

These people were Friends of the Earth activists who are occupying the place. They were still there at owl time because the government plans to build a road straight through the SSSI. And the trouble is that there is nothing unusual about that, either,

The SSSI in question is Twyford Down. Hampshire, where this week bulidozers invaded to clear the way for the final section of the M3 motorway. This, despite the recommendation from the European Commission to stop it.

FoE believes that the covernment should stop the project as a demonstration of its commitment to the environment. The government's commitment to the environment is often called into question: its aummitment to roads, however, is not Roads, roads, roads Question: which is the world's most perfect habitat for the motor car? Answer-Los Angeles, city of 1,000 freeways: the city where no one can walk or

Question: what is Los Angeles

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most famous for? Answer: smog and gridlock. So onward, inevitably, to the M25.

The Department of Transport

believes that roads solve traffic problems and help the economy: a government white paper on trans-port is called "Roads for Prosperi-Do you think anyone from the DoT has ever driven around the M25? For roads create traffic jams. They encourage journeys, they encourage the acquisition of vehicles, they encourage the run-ning down of public transport and railways, and in the end, you get gridlock.

So you build a new road to relieve the problem and what do you get? A bigger traffic jam. Call it the M25.

My favourite wood lies a couple of miles from the M25. Chiffchaff will be arriving any day. Then there is the annual delight of trying to distinguish the garden warbler from the blackcap: the difference is that the blackcap is prettier and, for my money, the best British singer after the night-ingale. The wood — "my" wood — is another SSSI. How long will it There is a massive scheme under

consideration for relieving the

traffic on the M25. Is there something wrong with my memory, or was the M25 meant to solve traffic problems?

Anyway, the answer involves the construction of three-lane 'collector/distributor roads" on either side of the existing M25. That will solve all the problems for at least a year - and then the widest highway outside the United

Endangered: more roads mean heavy losses for the tawny owl States will have the widest traffic jam outside the United States. So I expect we will build more roads to

> These plans for the M25 will take up 1,500 acres of land. Wildlife trusts in the area estimate that this will affect 75 important conservation sites. In Surrey alone, that involves five SSSIs: these are supposed to be the

tion and they should be

Throughout the southerst the wildlife trusts report that 54 road-building schemes in nine counties put 372 sites at risk. In the southwest, road building threatens another 220.

These are colossal numbers:

and 142 of the southeastern sites involve ancient woodland, centuries in the making, a matter of weeks in the destruction. Goodbye tawny owi, blackcap, chiffchaff. Hallo traffic jam, hallo smog. If I may extend my brief and become, for a moment, Fur Report, I would like to add that road schemes also mean goodbye badger. It is estimated that 47,000 badgers are killed on the roads every year: there are only 43.000 badger social groups in

the country.

Another site under threat is Ashdown forest, a mosaic of heath and woods in Sussex: a place much loved by A.A. Milne. Does the DoT realise that Winnie-the-Pooh is in danger of becoming extinct, and that it is all the department's fault?

The freeway vision of Los Angeles is upon us: smog and gridlock beckon. I am a transport official of very little brain and long-term thinking bothers me.

SIMON BARNES

o What's about Birden - listen out jorfirst chiffchaffs (metronemic double note). Veitchers — Richard's pipil on Skomer, Dyfed; Bonaparte's gull near St Austell, Cornwall. Details from Biriline, 0891 700222.

Events

☐ Sallycastle horses: Day-iong horse ploughing match with Clydesdale horses in four-class ploughing match, heavy horse show and turn-

Carrymill, Ballycastle, Co. Antrim (02657 62530). Tues, 10.30am. speciators free. Shooting at Doricing: British Association for Shooting and Conservation Roadshow with

gamekeeping, taxidermy and gun dog stands. Dorking Halls, Reigate Road, Dorking, Surrey (0372 374 109), Friday, 7.30-10.30pm. £2.

Li Decrness valley ramble: Eight-rile walk through waxdiand. Ushaw Moor picnic area (map ref 219428, off B6302), Durham, County Durham. Tomorries. 10.30am. Free. DEdinburgh gardeners: Horti-

cultural day school course on "small-er bulbs for the garden" followed by er outs for the garden" followed by a guided tour of the Botanic Garden's bulb plantings.

Royal Botanic Gardens, Inverteith Row, Edinburgh, Lothian (031-527171). March 21, 10am-4pm. £15 (advance booking on 031-5527171 ex 454).

☐ Holcot fishing course:

Course for novies.
Pitsford Fishing Lodge, Pitsford
Water, Brixworth Road, Holcot, nr
Northampton (0604 78 1350).
March 22, 9.30am-5pm. £19.50 including fishing (advance booking only).

 Radnor Forest busky rally: 40 huskies compete for the fastest aggregate time over forest tracks.
 Radnor Forest. New Radnor. Powys, signed off A44 and B4372 (0597 824821, Mrs Curnow). Today and tomorrow, 10am. Spectators free.

☐ Focus on Martin Mere: Einocular and telescope display in the Catty Bank hide. Wildfowl Trust, Martin Mere Ormskirk, Lancashire (0704 895181), Tomorrow, 10am-5pm. £3.50, OAPs £2.50, child £1.75, family £8.75.

☐ Yorkshire Head of the River Race: 160 crews compete over fivemile course. Best viewing is from Scarborough Bridge on the River Ouse. Rawciffe Landing to Lendal

Bridge, River Ouse, York, North Yorkshire (0274 567478, Mr Ward). Today from noon. Free.

Gardens to visit

☐ Hampshire: Bramdean House, wailed garden with fine herbaceous borders, kitchen garden, collection of unusual plants. Bramdean village, on A272. £1, child free. Tomorrow, 2-5 pm. Doroz: The Fines, an ali-see

garden looking out to Sharpitor Headland; informal design with unusual trees and shrubs. Main Road, Salcombe, at junction of Deron and Sandhills

roads (entry from Sandhills Road). E1, child free. Today, tomorrow 11am-5pm.

☐ Gloecestershire: Minchinhampton Gardens. Troughs, terraces, fine views, water garden, bonsai and beech avenue among attractions. Minchinhampton, 3m SE Stroud: from Market Square down High Street, right at crossroads and left after 300yd. £1.50, child free. Tomorrow, 2-6pm.

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Town v. country: the great debate

'Patronising' Libby Purves and 'contemptuous' Neil Lyndon were among reactions to their opinions in the town v country debate last month. Here is a cross-section of your comments

meetings. We clean up the church-

the competition for the tallest weed

ence, as countless hundreds of

children must experience, that

terrible black gloom at the pros-pect of returning to school. This year the daffodils on the verges are

late and we will not see them in

Back in town, the washing machine dissolves all traces of

village mud from our clothes and

the telephone starts to ring. The

We who live out our lives in

polluted urban cages do not need the contemptuous castigation of

Neil Lyndon nor the parsimonious

patronisation of Libby Purves to

remind us of what a nuisance we are when we have the temerity to

invade the territory in which they live their privileged lives.

"The grockles are coming," the natives cry. "Stay indoors or ignore them. Better still, sting them for every penny they've saved up for their helidau."

Oh, yes, we get the message all right. It comes through loud and

clear in the shops and restaurants and I do feel guilty, really I do, for

In the long months between

holidays spent either in Suffolk or north Norfolk, I dream of the marshes and creeks, the silence,

the birds and those glorious open sides. I dream of that magical

quietness at slack tide just before

the tide turns and the water flows

again to cover sand and

always tinged with the uneasy

feeling that I'm an intruder. That

the only people with a God-given right to enjoyment of it all are

those whose guardian angel is kinder than mine.

How sad that the reality is

up for their holiday."

being such a nuisance.

saltmarsh.

Sheila Phononer.

Winchester, Hants

First cuckoo

One element your rural

The visitors aren't guilty — it's

Paul Heiney has escaped from

While he and Libby patronise

Each country town has one or

Reviewing one another's glossy

While blighting what they see

The tap room's selling

Avant the mobile phone!

The cuckoos in our nests are

Beaujolais Nouveau

Unplue the Fax!

Grub Street hacks.

Woodbridge, Suffolk

Douglas Hurdley.

An article on Secret Norfolk Inns

Is how the damage usually begins. The trippers follow and before

And Food and Drink to lay

down country lore.

dispute lacks

the hacks.

Radio 4

the plebs.

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metamorphosis is complete.

Grockles ahoy

Cobham, Surrey

The Yehadi Menuhin School.

Fair shares for all to thaw his fingers and gives his views at the parish church council "Millionaires' Row" is the name given to the hamlet outside a Dorset village where my family and I run for cover every alternate weekend. We are outsiders in this isolated part of Purbeck. The gleaming Mercedes and J reg Range Rovers are a testament to our superior earning power and city pretensions. Our cottages are renovated and extended to include two bathrooms and a Smallbone kitchen.

Yes, we pushed up prices, but we also bring advantages. Who but a Londoner would employ a local gardener or provide months of work for the village handyman? Our walls and patios show off the craft of the local stonemasons who were threatened with extinction before the influx of townies. Our tables groan under the weight of local lobster and our hearths smoke to the merry flicker of newly

purchased log-burning stoves. in return we ask for a share in the solitude and the sea-beaten cliffs, the chance for our children to taste some of the heady freedom denied them by the city streets and speeding motor cars. We pay our way. Does Nell Lyndon pay his? When he visits the metropolis to eat in a Kensington restaurant or see the latest production at the National Theatre he uses my facilities. Along with several million other visitors he crowds the Tube that takes me to work and

the park where my children play. The price of London property has also been inflated by outside buyers. The increased demand for scant services has resulted in oversubscription, rather than muchneeded support, for my leisure pursuits. We should reach a truce: I am prepared to share my city if he is prepared to share his fields. Mary C. Oldershaw,

Maida Vale, London Love or loathe 'em

Having lived in Cornwall for 25 years, I regard the annual invasion of holidaymakers as I do bluebottles. They make a noise, leave a lot of mess are a nuisance leave a lot of mess, are a nuisance but, just as you begin to really hate them, they disappear as autumn

What always surprises me about our emmets is how unhappy they are, a motiey collection of illtempered children with quaint names and foul language, some-times accompanied by a French student who smokes heavily and

shoplifts, and a large dog. What value they are to Cornwall is a much-debated point. Advo-cates of the tourist trade obviously make exaggerated claims about the financial benefits, but these are no more than Pollyanna statistics

snatched out of thin air. In any case, more than twothirds of all tourist expenditure is repatriated out of the country while, during the winter, a small army of summer layabouts exists

on state benefit. Having travelled the world these past 45 years, I think it is true to say this love-hate relationship exists wherever tourists gather. James Rusbridger, Bodmia, Cornwall

Rustic revelry

I am one who belongs to both camps. At the end of term, as the last child disappears down the TY, CHARAGAN winding driveway, a transforma-tion occurs. Bunions are released from high-heeled shoes, rabbit, guinea pigs, dog and welly boots are stuffed into the car — along with piano accordian (for the village sing-song) and hot water bottles — and we rattle off to our

There is a moment near the end of the journey when we see the South Downs arching round us and we know we have stepped into our new world. It is a moment of elation. From the court to the country - a Shakespearean Forest of Arden in Sussex where, for a brief time, we can indulge in "rustic revelry" and forget the M25, the hairdresser and the

Minton teaset. My husband plays the organ at Christmas with hot water bottles

Much despised

What about the much-despised yard and enter our bindweed in suburbanites? Where do they fit in the flower show. And then it all comes to an end and we experi-Sir Martin Berthoud,

Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk

Breath of fresh air I hoe my strawberries listening to Radio 3 on the Walkman and trying to decide if Michael Drayton really did write the perfect sonnet. A dairy farmer down the road plays grand opera at full volume to his cows in the milking parlour, so I know I'm not crazy.

Although their values are hopelessly wrong, and they'll never understand the meaning of life as revealed by living it according to the pattern of the seasons, townies have brought a breath of fresh air into the lives of those of us who have always had too much of it.

They have improved the quality of my life immeasurably and I live in fear that there will be another oil crisis that will drive them all

back to the Home Counties. The only disappointment is that they all think highly of the unspeakable Archers. Mrs Helen Batt,

Axbridge, Somerses Urban blight

When our youngest child was born we were refused permission to christen her in the church as we were not residents. "Suffer little children to come unto me, but not if they spend Monday to Friday in

On the other side of the coln, people use London for all the best things it has to offer and disregard the rest. The imposters park outside our houses all day with no thought at all for us residents who have nowhere to park. Luisa Tulloch, Fulham, London

Litter louts Your articles on the Townies v Countrymen controversy make splendid reading, but miss a very important point. It is not the people we country folk object to but their cars and the damage they

do to our open spaces. Seeing our lovely beechwoods nailed up like fortresses to keep out cars and our green commons devastated by car tyre ruts is an alarming price to pay for present-

Come, by all means, but leave your cars in your own clumered streets and recharge your batteries by walking from the nearest rail-Mrs Jane Young, Wollaston, Northants

New Jerusalem

My own zeal for the English countryside contains an element of fanaticism, which is the result of my arriving in England as a young refugee and over the years coming to identify it with Blake's sentiments on the new Jerusalem.

Does it really matter that much whether the local population presses you to its bosom? I am affection, if powerful enough, fits the bill nicely. Felix Heimer, Stockton on Tees, Cleveland

Value vandals At 59 and a countryman all my life, I know and see what has happened and weep. It is not just the urbanisation, the pavements, street lights, out-of-town shopping precincts, golf courses and marinas, but far worse, it is the roads

that connect them. You need to watch a road being built to realise just what destruction is being wrought. Once built, it is there for ever and brings with it a mile-wide swathe of noise,

furnes and litter. Urban people move because they have a dream, but they bring their reality with them. They do not like the real countryside, the hard grist and muck of farming. the shooting, hunting countryside - theirs is some chocolate box

We are a nation of sentimental

Enemy within

I read the views of Nell Lyndon with interest and approval. I agreed with, and liked, much of

I have never felt the country and its ways was more under threat than now. The biggest threat is of ignorance - and the only counter to ignorance is education. You

welcome them.

Two peoples We live on the eastern end of the Dr P.T. Wheeldon

Chilterns, which is good walking country. We think it slightly strange when "Lunnon folk" come clothed and shod as if to climb the Matterhorn, but so what? Thanks to the M1, M25 and M23, Glyndebourne is only three

vandals. I loathe and hate the evil

Countryside Commission. I de-

spise the Nature Conservancy

Council and League Against (so-

called) Cruel Sports for their

urban ignorance and sentimental-

ity and, in the case of the latter, its

silly fanaticism. But above all I

weep in despair at the overween-

ing ignorance and stupidity of the British who are destroying a

priceless heritage.
Ian Cobbold, Over Stratton.

hours away. Let us accept there are those whose metier is the metropolis and those who are comfortable in the country - and not wonder why. Derek Helps,

Peace on earth

I do hope they don't think we're guilty of adding to the problems of the countryside. We are buying a small cottage, but we are not second homers. My husband is a vicar, so we don't own our large Victorian vicarage and we originally bought our cottage for future security. But it has now come to mean much more than that and I couldn't bear to be without the

cottage.
We're looking forward eagerly to the August Proms at Snape - we sat on the floor for 13 concerts last summer. In my mind's eye I can see the changing colour of the sea at Aldeburgh and the fishing boats drawn up on the beach. I can see the fields near Orford with a low mist over the corn under a bright moon, just like a Samuel

I've spent most of my life in dirty Yorkshire towns and such scenes are a source of delight to me. We both find peace and deep refreshment at our cottage. The companionship without the distraction of work helps our relationship and we go home with more zest for often difficult work. Mrs Mary S Jackson,

Rus in urbe

Just now the grockles are in bloom In Southwold's streets. In every room On licensed premises are seen The guardians of haute cuisine. Thanks to the latest press release One can't enjoy a pint in peace, For, from the opening hour's first tick. les gourmets (soi-disant) swarm thick. Since dawn the A12's cluttered lanes Have throbbed with those ill-gotten gains The Porsche and Bee Em Double You. The Daimler and Range Rover too. And into Suffolk's tiny towns. From Kentish uplands, Sussex downs, In flow the grockles, more or less Seduced here by the Sunday press. "Darling. The Crown is just the place, I've seen that Simon Loftus' face in several papers. He's a dish!

what he said — but I liked what Libby Purves said a lot better.

cannot educate people by excluding them, so I think we must

But please be quiet, shut the gate and take your litter home.



Meaning of life

The countryside has never been more appreciated, more jealously guarded, more loved by the British

public than it is today. Once we see ourselves as part of an evolutionary process, of which the whole of civilisation is a mere momentary fragment, the question of our relationship with the rural scene takes on new

In spite of nit-picking attempts to fault the minutiae of the Darwinian argument, its general thesis is now unassailable, at least in the forum of scientific enquiry, and it's more than high time we began to look at the sociological tion (such as that of fown versus country) within this wider context.

bases of most of our recreational pleasures are derivatives of simple survival behaviour. Ensuring our

sues which command our atten-When we do this we see that the

Not for me Leave the countryside to the country people and give me Hamp-stead Heath for the weekend, the

Caribbean for a winter solstice and definitely Tuscany for the Diana Bond. defences against the potential The Vale of Health, hazards which still surround us Hampstead, London

In unicorn and gryphon sauce.
And then, that famous winged horse,

It's true! Believe me! Please don't laugh

Demand high chairs for son and daughter, And spend six pounds on fizzy water.

The restaurant's full? Hold on now, look,

That Pegasus-with-Pernod thing

With capers cutely capering.

Each armpit hugs a Filofax.

i read it — Sunday Telegraph."

So in they pour, flop down, relax,

One didn't know one had to book.

You do serve children? Once before

We brought our darling Theodore.

And Maximilian loved your soup,

Perhaps a bar snack? OK, yah,

It's quaint to nibble in the bar.

And Imogen was cock-a-hoop.

But little Quentin was quite flat,

His ratatouille contained no rat.

We'd like that window table please.

Just shift those locals with their cheese . . .'

Push and pull every day ultimately depends on environmental perception. We cannot adapt our behaviour to our

environment until we know what

that environment is. So one of the

most powerful of all our instincts is

into the unknown, punctuated by

the backward glance towards the

familiar, applies equally to our species as to our individual selves.

Collectively as we move from the primeval jungle towards the con-

crete jungle we need the assurance

which comes from those backward

glances towards the natural habi-

tat in which our species evolved

and to which we are by tempera-

ment still attuned, but which we

have by now largely replaced with

our city streets, water into our

parks and gardens, rubber trees

into our living-rooms and flowers

into our window-boxes. Don't ever

dare to mock the Dreamland of

dwellers and vice versa. We are at

war. Towns and progress versus countryside and regression.

I long for the day when the only

reen and pleasant land is used for

lootball matches. No more green

wellies, wax jackets, fox hunts or

Richard Briers types peddling

below-standard homemade jam at

The Archers will be replaced by

The Terminators; gymkhanas re-

placed by virtual reality computer games: Morris dancing will be-come an imprisonable offence

even among consenting adults in

ridiculous country fairs.

Reginald Gilman, Bury,

Manchester

Archers — RIP

No wonder we bring trees into

substitute forms.

the Aborigines!

This exploratory progression

to explore.

Vokins and Hatch, Harman and Grace, Meeten and Saunders, Yates and Essec all families who lived in and passed through the small Buckinghamshire village of Woodrow in the 1940s.

Our childhood horizons were distinctly limited. To sit the 11plus was rare; to go to technical school was all but unheard of. We were fiercely tribal. We resented intruders from the neighbouring villages of Winchmore Hill and Penn Siron and rarely went to

Hunting for rabbit, catapult and airgun along the hedgerows - we knew the boundaries of our territory and knew the risk of trespass should we meet the

Winchmore Hill lot. Threats would fly, stones would follow: But there were changes. The war was one catalyst. Penn Street had an army camp and, in the beechwoods around, the local girls discovered that while British Army şerge was contre, American uni-

forms were very smeeth.

Later we realised that German and Italian PolVs were human beings and Polish and Slav Ps (displaced persons) were man of l agree townies should not be mighty strength and humble encouraged to mix with country charm. Through them all our

views widened. The war also brought the first incomers, those who came to escape the blitz. Farm workers could not improve their cottages and only with extreme reluctance would the es-

tate do repairs. Our home did not get a bathroom and Indoor lavatory until 1954. But the incomers improved their own cottages. In my early days as a teacher of

geography we tried to teach about the regions of the world. That fell out of fashion and the subject now seems to focus on problems and issues. Well, how about rural depopulation? The favelas of Rio de Janeiro, the slums of Calcutta, the shanty towns around the burgeoning cities of the third world all tell the same story: push and pull. People are pushed from the land, people are pulled to the cities. They have no prospects on the land, they see a chance for jobs and homes in the towns.

John James, Westoubirt.

Country cottage bargains,

So it goes on from day to day: "The Badoit and the Chardonnay must be the things to drink out here, 'Cause Linsey Bareham said they were.' But wait! What's this? Now she's not pleased, The jewel from The Crown's been seized! She cannot praise a single dish. The grapes are sour, all's liverish. Thank God! Perhaps her readers now Will take themscives elsewhere, and von Never to darken Southwold's shore Again, and lears it as before. Before the Whine Bar was the thing Before the Yuppiephones did ring, When Crystal never breathed "an croute". Thought cog-au-vin was sex-en-route, When Crispin savoured Adnams bee: Instead of Kvass and Kirsch and Kir. Stands The Crown clock at ten to three?

Is one still serving ratatouille?

Southwold, Suffolk

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☐ Buston QuestFest: First British festival of musicals. April 4-May 5: Buxton Opera House, Water Street, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6XN (0298

□ Bath Festival: Celebrates the common currency of the European musical tradition in the 20th century. Beethoven's own forte-piano will be played by Melvyn Tan; David Matthews is composer-in-residence; performances of The Dream of Gerontius and A Child of Our Time. May 22-June 7. Linley House, Pierrepont Place, Bath BA I 1JY (0225 463362).

☐ Glyndebourne Festival Opera: An earlier start to the season this year before the renovations. New productions of Peter Grimes and The Queen of Spades; revivals of Cost fan tutte. Jenufa and Death

in Venice. May 2-July 23. Glyndebourne, Lewes, East Sussex (0273 S123211. The touring company will play at Sadler's Wells, Sept 24-Oct 24, and include Le nozze di Figaro, The Rake's Progress and Katya Kabanova. Then, Plymouth (Oct 27-31), Sheffield (Nov 3-7), Southampton (Nov 10-14), Manchester (Nov 17-21) and Oxford (Nov 24-28).

☐ Tintagel Festival: Nine days of music, arts and crafts at King Arthur's legendary stronghold. May 16-24: Tintagel, Cornwall (0840 770532).

Swaledale Festival: Everything a festival should be: barn dances, walks, baroque music, craft exhibitions, jazz, Lindsay String Quartet, Peruvian folk music and visits from the Sheffield Youth Theatre and Grimethorpe Colliery Band. May 22-June 7, Send SAE to Swaledale Festival, Richmondshire DC, Swale

House. Richmond, North Yorks (0904 643034).

U Sheffield Chamber Music Festival: The Lindsay String Quarter and friends explore the music of English composers in lunchtime and evening concerts based in the Crucible Studio Theatre. This year, world premieres of Sir Michael Tippett's Fifth String Quartet, a children's opera and recitals by Peter Franki and the Nash

May 9-23. Crucib': Theatre, Sheffield S1 1D4, J742 769922). ☐ Bury St Edmunds: Too often overlooked, this architecturally intriguing Suffoik wool town offers 16 days of concerts, talks, exhibi-tions, films and walks, with a song recital by Victoria de los Angeles and visits from Jacques Loussier,

English Chamber Orchestra and Robert Cohen. May 7-23. Borough Offices.



Glyndebourne interval: the season is from May 2-July 23 and includes new productions of Peter Grimes and The Queen of Spades Angel Hill. Bury St Edmunds, IP33 1XB (0284 763233).

☐ Beverley Early Music Festival: Medieval minster, friary and par-ish church of this East Yorkshire town host recitals, candlellt concerts, talks and children's events. May 14-17. 65 Rawcliffe Lane, Clifton, York YO3 6SJ.

☐ Maivern Festival: Set amid the Malvern hills and deep in Elgar country, the festival this year hosts the world premiere of Robert Simpson's Quartet No 15 and Symphony No 11. Elgar's Fringes of the Fleet will be performed,

while Henry James provides the festival drama. The programme includes fringe events in the near-by towns of Ledbury, Bromyard and Upton-upon-Severn. May 16-31. Malvern Festival

Theatre, Grange Road, Maivern, Worcs (information 0684 572725, box office 0684

☐ Ramagate Spring Festival: The first ever arts festival in the Cinque Port focuses on the town's archi-tecture, its Regency terraces and Pugin's abbey. The programme includes jazz workshops, concerts

and sponsored sedan chair race. Ramsgate, Kent CT11 9HX (0843 580994).

D Bradford Festival: Bradford festival production, Shadows of

pioneered the idea of the Asian Mela (bazaar, fair), and this huge, colourful gathering will take place again in Lister Park as the heart of a festival of international theatre, dance, jazz and classical music. June 19-July 5. Phone 0274 309 199 for festival programme.

El Boarnemenh International Festival: A young and lively festival ranging from 15th-century Spanish music and art to contemporary Russian music. Literary events focus on Tolkien, R.L. Stevenson and Shelley, whose life and work is celebrated in a new festival production. Shadows of

the Soul. June 6-21. Phone 0202

789789 for festival programme. ☐ Greenwich Festival: Percussionist Evelyn Glennie, poet John Hegley and the Natural Theatre Company visit Greenwich this



Festivals favourite: Tippett

year: the Russian pianist Nikolai Demidenko and Kenya's dance band, the Orchestra Virunga, add their offerings to what is always one of London's most refreshingly eclectic festivals.

June 5-14. 151 Powis Street,
SE18 6JL (081-317 8687).

☐ Spitalfields Festival: Hawksmoor's Christ Church has increasingly become the London festival venue. This year sees a focus on early and late music, with medi-eval and renaissance music and a new commission from Michael Nyman for James Bowman. This in addition to the usual chamber

music recitals. June 4-26. Christ Church, Commercial Street, London El (071-377 0287).

☐ Garsington Opera Festival: La Vera Constanza, Don Giovanni and Turn of the Screw feature in this Oxford manor house season. June 19-28: 1 Mansfield Road, Oxford OX 1 3SZ (0865 791629).

Gwyl Gregynog Festival: Founded by the tenor Anthony Rolfe Johnson in the University of Wales's imposing aris and crafts mock-Tudor mansion in mid-wales, the festival features the prizewinning performance of this year's Composer's Award of Wales (a choral work to be performed by the William Byrd Singers), with Rolfe Johnson conducting Bach's B Minor Mass, chamber music, masterclasses and an outdoor sculpture exhibition.

June 27-July 4. Gwyl Gregynog, University of Wales, Newtown (0686 650224).

☐ Lufthausa Festival of Baroque Music Innovative programming characterises this ever-expanding festival. This year the focus is on eastern Europe, with London de-buts of the Warsaw Concerto Avenna and Russia's Rekonstruktsiya Ensemble. Also a visit from the Freiburg Barockorchester. May 30-June 30. St James Church, Piccadilly (071-434 4003, after May 1).



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☐ York Early Music Festival: Jorvik's medieval churches, guildhalls and museums host the Italian madrigal group Fosco Corti, the New London Consort and the City Waites. The music originally associated with the York Mystery Plays will be linked into the plays themselves, performed in a new text and for the first time in the Theatre Royal.

June 25-28 (plays June 13-July 11). Festival office, 65
Rawcliffe Lane, York YO3 6SJ (0904 658338).

each morning and the premiere of John Taverner's opera, Many of Egypt. Also the Britten/Gay Beggar's Opera. The Rake's Progress,
and recitals by Sviatoslav Richter
and the Borodin Quartet.
June 11-28. Aldeburgh
Foundation, High Street.
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in the works of Elena Firsova, and the Spanish renaissance. Still room, though, for a Maxwell Davies premiere and the usual round of theatre and jazz. June 19-24. Dorothy Rushbrook, Strandal, 15 Nicolson Street, Kirkwall, Orkney KW15 1BD (0856 *872669)*.

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☐ Ludiow Festival: The great Norman castle is the setting for an open-air production of As You Like It, and open-air concerts of Tchaikovsky and of Irish music from Clannad. The 15th-century parish church hosts a piano recital by Jonathan Plowright. The programme also includes lectures. theatre, and a railway evening. June 27-July 12. Festival office 0584 875070.

☐ Mendelssohn on Mulk An irresistible island festival which includes rather more than Mendelssohn, and this year focuses on The Young Musician, with chil-dren's and students' workshops. and recitals by international artists.

June 22-July 1. The Mull Tourist Board, Tobermory, Oban,

☐ Exeter Festival: Yet another celebration of Europe: the New entertained the royal courts of Europe; an art exhibition of the paintings of viola player Rivka Golani; and Lesley Garrett per-forms with the Royal Philharmonic Pops in Killerton Gardens.

☐ Warwick Festival: America is celebrated on July 4 with a fireworks concert at Warwick Castle, which also hosts a new production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Chamber music from the Camerata Bern, Igor Oistrakh, Kreutzer String Quartet: early music from Opera Restor d, and a new clarinet quintet for Michael Collins and the Parisii String Quartet from Richard Rodney

July 1-12. Festival Office, Northgate, Warwick CV34 4JL (0926 410747).

bour town sails into Europe this year in a three-week festival which also incorporates the Southern Cathedrais Festival (July 16-19). New commission for chorus and orchestra: new arrangement of



Canterbury: War Requiem

Vivaldi's Lute Concerto; Jacques Loussier's Bach, and Artur Pizarro's pianism.

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☐ King's Lynn Festival: This old Hansa port, with its riverside houses and ancient market square, focuses this year on Arts and Disabilities, juxtaposing the works of, for example, Beethoven and Handel with performances by groups such as Special Jam and Common Ground. A far east focus brings Gamelan music and Japanese kites to the festival. July 18-Aug 1: Festival Office,

27-29 King Street, King's Lynn, PE30 1HA (0553 773578).

☐ Aldeburgh Festival: Fresh fish Aldeburgh, Suffolk IP15 SAX (0728 453543). ☐ St Magnus Festival. Orkney.
The islands where the midsummer sun barely sets look out beyond Britain this year to Denmark in the music of Poul Ruders, Russia

Scotland.

London Consort play music which June 12-28. Festival Office. Civic Centre, Exeter, Devon EX1 IJN (0392 265200).

□ Chichester Festival: The har-



July 5-26: Chichester

Festivities, Canon Gate House, South Street, Chichester, West

□ Llangollen International Eisteddfod: A cultural Olympics. with international youth choirs. folk song and dance, choral competition, male choirs, a concert with Margaret Price and the BBC Bath: Gerontius and A Child of Our Time on the bill this year

Welsh SO, and an opening ceremony with the Vienna Boys Choir. July 7-12: Eisteddfod Office, Llangollen, North Wales LL20 8NG (0978 860236). CB4 1DP (0223 62770). ☐ Harrogate Festival: Features

Bexton Festival: The spa town, sunk deep into volcanic rock and surrounded by the caves and moors of the Derbyshire Peak District, this year offers a new production of Handel's Agrippina, to be directed from the harpsichord by Roger Vignoles. Also, concerts, films, lectures, jazz and cabaret.
July 15-Aug 2: 1 Crescent

View, Hall Bank, Buxton, Derbyshire SK17 6EN (0298 70395).

Lichfield Festival: British music rings out from the theme of European celebration in this city of symphonies and spires. New commissions. Purcell, Vaughan Williams, premiere of Herbert Howells's third quartet in his centenary year and programmes of contemporary theatre. July 2-12: Festival Office, 7 The Close, Lichfield, Staffs WS13 7LD (0543 257298).

Cheltenham: Takes Switzerland as its theme and features music by Fritz, Goetz, Holliger and Schoeck, with visits by the Camerata Bern and the British debut of the pianist Nelson Goerner. All four of Tippett's concertos will be performed as well as Opera Factory's Poppea and Robert Saxton's Caritas. July 4-19: Town Hall.

Glos (0242 523690). ☐ Dartington International Summer School: Escape and inscape at this Devonshire haven of concents, chamber music, jazz improvisation, baroque dance, masterclasses, workshops and specialist courses. This year hosts a European Choreographic Forum and a series of lectures, seminars and talks where "Science meets Art". July 11-Aug 22: Dartington Summer School, Dartington

Imperial Square, Cheltenham,

(0803 865988). ☐ Cambridge Festival: New artistic director, Nicholas Cleobury, makes his mark with West Side Story and a strong focus on the music of Tippett. Informal discussion in Kettle's Yard, a visit from National Youth Music Theatre

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☐ Cressing Temple Festival: Medieval plays, dances and music in the Knight Templars' restored

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ikov, and the Australian Chamber

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August 7-16: Cressing Temple, Witham, Essex (0376 84903). and singing on the river.
July 17-Aug 2: Festival Office,
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☐ Edinburgh Festival: Opens with a concert performance of Schoenberg's Moses und Aron, and includes a major retrospective of the works of Tchaikovsky, with a concert performance of his rarely heard opera, The Oprichnik. Se-ries of concerts of Scottish music. and full fringe programme.

Aug 16-Sept 5: Festival Office, 21 Market Street, Edinburgh EH1 1BW.

a performance of Noyes Fludde.

AUGUST

July 12-19: The Music School, West Street, Oundle PE8 4EJ

(0832 272227).

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Glasgow Early Music Festival: World premiere revival of La Baltasara, an opera not heard since 1668. Visits from Romanian dancers Cantus Serenus from Transylvania, and Les Arts Florissants. Aug 7-15: Scottish Early

school, with tutor-performers, in-Music Consort, 22 Falkland school, with tutor-performers, in-ciuding Russia's Alexander Fis-eisky and Lebanese-born Naji Hakim, who will give a recital at Peterborough Cathedral. Simon Standage gives a recital of unac-companied Bach, and there will be 334 9229).

fireworks concert at the castle and will host performances by Bernard Roberts, the London Mozart Players and the Oxford Stage Company in Much Ado.

Aug 28-Sept 6: Festival Society, Mary Gate, Arundel, West Sussex BN 18 9AT (0903 883690).



Maytime song: Victoria de los Angeles at Bury St Edmunds

Street, Glasgow G12 9PR (041-

Arundel Festival: Opens with a

String Venture.

M17HF (0629 823733). Aug 25-31: St Donat's Art Centre, St Donat's Castle, Llantwit Major, South Glamorgan CF6 9WF (0446 794848).

Magic of Aldeburgh: the festival includes Stravinsky's The Rake's Progress (above), the Britten/Gay Beggar's Opera, and Sviatoslav Richter and the Borodin Quartet □ Brecon Jazz: Three days of what is considered by many to be the premiere jazz event in Britain. Last year there were 100 gigs in 48

hourst Aug 14-16: Watton Brecon, LD3 7EF

(0874 625557).

Lake District Summer Music Festival and summer school, with morning church recitals by Mi-chel Dalberto, two Halle orchestral concerts, the Chilingician Quarter playing Mendelssohn and Schubert, masterclasses, chil-dren's workshops and a Young

Aug I-15: Museum Building, 97 Grosvenor Street, Manchester

□ Vale of Glamorgan Festival: This year celebrates living composers, in a new move to become a leading force for contemporary music on the festival circuit in future years. Composers featured this year include Arvo Pärt, John Taverner, Philip Glass, Gavin Bryars and Kevin Volans.

☐ North Wales Music Festival: St Asaph's Cathedral is the focus for a festival which starts with "Five



Christopher: Salisbury Giant

hundred years of song" in the opening service, features artistic director William Mathias's Violin Concerto, some adventurous chamber-music making, and a grand fireworks finale in Bodelwyddan Castle. Sept 20-26: Festival Booking

Office, High Street, St Asaph, Clywd LL17 ORD (0745 584508).

Cardiff Festival of Music: The festival takes a trans-European festival takes a trans-European theme this year, with a programme of Spanish piano music, French and German silent films, a production of *UBU* by Music Theatre Wales, a recital by the festival's new artistic advisor, David Owen Norris, and the Welsh premiere of the Violin Concerto by William Mathias. Sept 16-Oct 10: Neuadd Dewi Sant, The Hayes, Cardiff CF1 2SH (0222 3426 | 1).

Salisbury Festival: Looks at "The Englishman abroad", with Omar Ebrahim in the world premiere of Silas Marner, the musical; Vaughan Williams with Ravel in Paris; Roger Norrington with Beethoven and Brahms, plus a programme of sonnets and serenades in Wardour Castle and a carnival weekend.

Sept 5-19: Festival Office, The King's House, 65 The Close, Salisbury SPI 2EN (0722 323883).

Swansea Festival: Ever-growing, the festival this year runs for seven weeks and includes visits from the English Shakespeare Company, three weeks of classical concerts, London City Ballet and Welsh National Opera. Exhibitions of traditional and modern stained glass, and a commission from composer Daniel Jones on his 80th birthday.
Sept 19-Nov 7: Festival Office,
The Guildhall, Swansea SA1 4PE

(0792 302432).

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Canterbury Festival: European Connections is this year's theme: the Orchestre Nationale de Lille will join forces with the Canter-bury Choral Society for a perfor-mance of Britten's War Requiem in the Cathedral. Columbus, too, will be celebrated within a programme of music, dance, drama, film, jazz and walks. Oct 10-24: 59 lvy Lane,

Canterbury, Kent CT1 1TU *(0227 472820).*

☐ Cheitenham Festival of Literature: Barbara Castle, Tony Benn, P.D. James and David Hare all speak on the subject of Truth at this year's gathering of literati. Literature and psychoanalysis will also be explored in the 11-day programme. Oct 9-18: Town Hall,

Imperial Square, Cheltenham, Glos GL20 IAQ (0242

5236901. ☐ Norfolk and Norwich Festival: Sets sail for "New Horizons" with a celebration of Europe and the Americas in music, opera, theatre, dance, visual arts, literature, pupperry and mime. Dvořák's New World Symphony. Bolivian pipe music. Broadway songs, steel bands and Travelling Opera celebrating Rossini. Oct 8-18: St Andrew's Hall, Norwich, NR3 IAU (0603

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☐ Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival: One of the biggest festivals of its kind in Europe, this year Huddersfield features 70 events from concerts to dance and film. Berio and Xenakis appear in person. and Australia's Alpha Centauri Ensemble make their British début.

Nov 19-29: Festival Office. Department of Music, The Polytechnic, Huddersfield. HD1 3DH (0484 425082).

☐ Belfast Festival at Queen's: More than 250 performances at Ireland's largest arts festival, from ballet and jazz to folk and contemporary theatre. This year a visit from the Royal Swedish Ballet, Royal Shakespeare Company, and world premiere of Shaun Davey's Double Harp Concerto. Nov 9-29: Festival House, 25 College Gardens, Belfast BT9 6BS (0232-667687).

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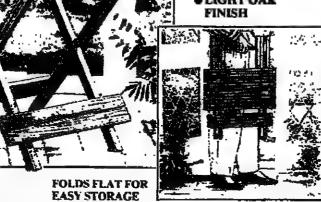
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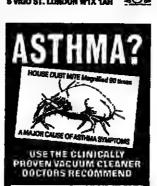
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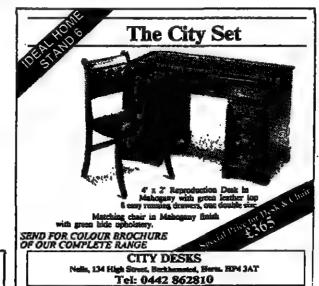
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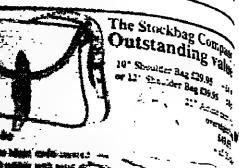
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Dark secrets of ferns

Francesca Greenoak solves the problem of how to brighten damp, shady borders

hoosing a birthday present for my mother-inlaw was no problem this year. She needed plants to occupy two narrow, dampish bor-ders which rarely get the sun in her small patio garden in town, where flowering plants get over-leafy and lean out towards the light. Hardy ferns, we decided, were the answer, so I went to see Ursula Kay-Davis, who is the fern expert in the family nursery business started by her mother in the 1960s.

Hardy ferns, she told me, were exactly the right choice for awkward, dark borders; extremely versatile, and easy to grow.

She and her mother began to collect ferns many years ago but found some varieties are difficult to come by - it has taken 15 years to build up stock. "Ferns take a long time to propagate, which is why the more commercial mass-production growers don't take them on." Ms Kay-Davis says. "It's left to family nurseries like us, where we do everything ourselves and keep prices down.

The catalogue for her nursery, Fibrex, lists 75 hardy ferns and 15 tender kinds suitable for a cold conservatory. I was astonished by their diversity; ferns well known to me from woodland botanising take on the most outrageous range of frills, plumes and tassels in cultivation — although some rather over-do it with the ornamentation, ending up disproportioned.

The soft shield fern (Polystichum setiferum) is a great favourite with me, and I can vouch for its good behaviour in my garden, where it has lived for ten years, unfolding fans of delicate filigree fronds each spring and keeping its attractive ness in a shady corner between the periwinkle and dicentra until the frosts come. Fibrex stocks variations on the theme in a compact form (congestum): one with terminai crests (cristatum) and a slender, finely cut dainty known as gracile.

One of the most fragile-looking of ferns is the maidenhair, which many of us know from the houseplant with a nasty way of suddenly dying on us. Easier to keep is

Adiantum pedatum, a hardy non-native garden kind, or its compact



Family affair: Ursula Kay-Davis in the nursery begun 30 years ago by her mother, surrounded by some of her collection of ferns

form ("Imbricatum") or japonicum, with pink spring fronds.

The male fern is a sturdy species which grows wild with me but also has cultivated variations. A related exotic species Dryopteris erythros-

ora is just beginning to unfur newseason fronds in coppery pink. The native buckler fern Dryopteris affinis opens a golden green, darkening through the season; the

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less steel set. It is well worth shopping aound for discounts. Do-It-All has an own-brand line, good

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New to me was a lovely bright een compact fern crisped and cut like parsiey (Dryopteris dilitata "Lepidota Cristata"). Other woodland natives such as the hart's-

spears, and polypody, with its appealing comb-like fronds, have their repertory of variations. An interesting polypody (Polypodium vulgars "Cornubiense"), which has cut or doubly cut fronds, is recommended by Ms Kay-Davis as an unusual edging plant.

Mid-March is the ideal time to

plant hardy ferns, having incorporated plenty of humus-rich material

into the soil beforehand. Not only do ferns thrive in shade, but many are evergreen, which cheers dark

Though few garden centres offer much choice, ferns travel well so mail order is no problem. Fibres Nurseries, Honey-bourne Road, Pebworth, near Stratford-upon-Avon CV3 7 8XT, sells a beginners selection of six easily grown ferns for £10 (inc p&p). Send SAE for its catalogue.

WEEKEND TIPS

■ Take cuttings of pot geraniums from recently sprouted

 Prune hybrid clematis. cutting stems of early flowering kinds to just above a healthy pair of buds; on late flowerers, to first strong pair above ground. Plant shallors.

● Sow cabbage, calabrese and lettuce under glass for planting out in April or May. Set maincrop seed potatoe in a tray to produce sprouts. Plant out mid-late April.

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How would you get there? On the Venice-Simplon Orient Express, and fly back. I love trains, and one of my ambitions has always been to do the great train journeys of the world. Who would be your perfect

My current lover. What essential clothing or

kit would you take? Mainly casual clothes, but two dazzling dresses for the evenings. I'd take something by Arabella Pollen and, if I could afford it. I would love a dress by Versage. What medicines?

Nurofen for hangovers. What would you have to eat? The house speciality, Tagliatelle Cipriant, which is made with cream, mushrooms and herbs. What would you have to drink? Any good Italian red wine, my favourite being Villa Antinori. What would you take to read? Death in Venice by Thomas Mann, and Don't Look Now, by

Daphne du Maurier, which also set in Venice. What music would you like?

Vivaldi or Puccini, two of my favourite Italians. I'd have a good cry over La Bohème. What would you watch on television? It would be a crime to watch TV

on a weekend like this. What film would you watch? The latest Italian movie or anything starring Marcello Mastrolanni. He's now quite elderly, but at the height of his

looking man, who did a lot of movies with Sophia Loren. Would you play any games or Trivial Pursuit, if it rained and

fame he was an incredibly good-

What would like we couldn't go sightseeing. I'm you get home? That I hadn't put on 5lb. decidedly unsporty, but I might do ten lengths in the hotel pool. What luxury would you like? Pavarotti - to sing to me alone.

Interview by Rosanna Greenstreet

What piece of art would you

The Pieta, which is in St Peter's,

Rome. It's a marble statue of the

Madonna with Christ lying

across her lap, having just come

off the Cross. It's the only work of

art to make me cry. It is

astoundingly beautiful, and sadly behind glass since some madman took an axe to it and

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What three things would you leave behind?

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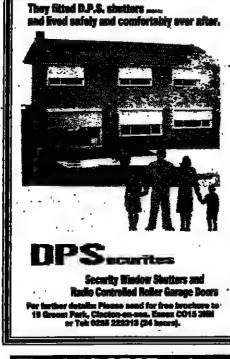
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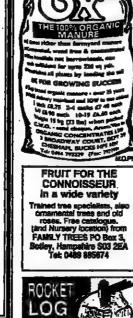


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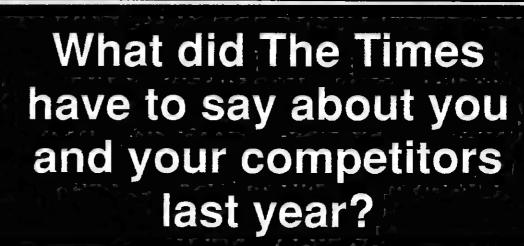
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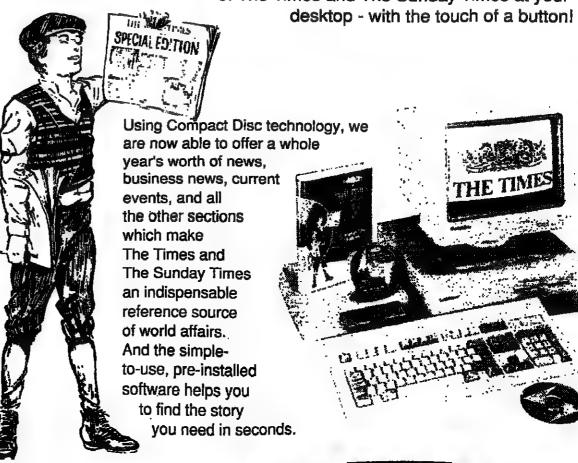
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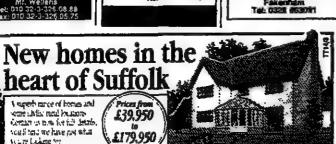
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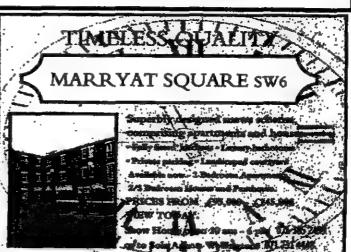


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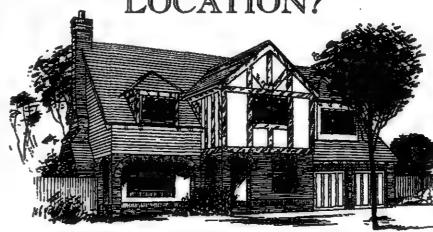
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Forget the gloom of the recession and join Rachel Kelly on a treasure hunt for bargain cottages under thatched roofs

Swapping rural dreams for keys

gains to be had buying cheap repossessed property.

Attention has also been focused on the wisdom of buying a large country house, many of which have halved in value as the cost of the staff needed to run a stately pile

inhibits all but wealthy Arabs.

But a third, little exposed corner of the market is yielding bargains at the moment, without the stigma of repossessions and the inconvenience of a large house: the country

cottage.

Despite the charms of a thatched cottage wrapped in roses, those considering buying take more persuading in a property slump. There is rather less choice now than in the 1980s boom years, as prospective sellers delay rather than accept the fall in the value of their cottage. People are also reluctant to buy while prices continue to drift downwards and there remains uncertainty about the outcome of the

But prospective cottage buyers can take heart from the fact that there are genuine bargains to be had, and now could be the best time to exchange dreams for a set of keys. After many years of near stagnation the market seems to be

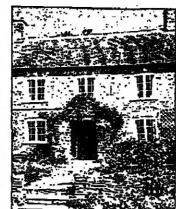
moving again.

Take Bowes Cottage in Crowborough, east Sussex. A pretty thatched cottage on the edge of the Ashdown forest, the house was continued to the mouth of the control of the con orginally put on the market two years ago for £280,000. It sold last month — in four days — once the price dropped to £200,000.

"There is certainly more interest and viewings of cottages at the moment, although the actual rate of sales remains low," Richard Page, from Savills in Sevenoaks, Kent, says. "Prices for cottages now reflect the fact that the market for second homes has all but evaporated, pushing prices down to a level which locals can afford."

"It really is a good time to buy," Tim Jackson-Stops, chairman of Jackson-Stops, says. "In real terms, prices have not been this low since the early 1980s."

Mr Jackson-Stops estimates that prices for country cottages have, on average, come down by 40 per cent. In contrast, medium-sized country houses - such as a rectory with four or five bedrooms - have dropped



Gillyflower Cottage in Dorset



The Cottage, Hadleigh, Suffolk

have been affected by the malaise that is affecting property generally," Mr Jackson-Stops says. "But because they went up so disproportionately in the boom, prices have come down that much more."

He also says that very few cottages have been soured by repossession. About 15 per cent of them are second homes, practically none of which would have been repossessed. "Cottage-owners are very rarely first-time buyers, who are most vulnerable to repossessions," he says."Most other cottages tend not to be owned by those who are financially pushed even

when times get tough Compared with the average country house, cottages were a little slower off the mark than other properties when prices began to boom in the 1980s. But by 1987 they began to outperform the rest of the market, showing even higher price rises than the 36.2 per cent

VANESSA and Kevin

O'Sullivan (right) saw their pa-tience repaid last September when they and their six-month-old son, Matthew, moved into a two-storey thatched cottage on the edge of the village of Tisbury in Wiltshire, between Shaftesbury and Salisbury. "We were par-ticularly looking for a cottage," Mrs O'Sullivan says. "We knew we wanted an older property with a lot of character. The point about a cottage is that every one is unique. You can't get an identi-cal thatched roof." The O'Sullivans were prepared to wait until Orchard Cottage came down to a reasonable price. "We first saw the cottage more than a year ago, when it was on the market at £169,000." Their patience paid off and they eventually bought the cottage for £155,000. Since moving in, the O'Sullivans have completely rethatched the house and now have plans to restore one of the bricked-up inglenook fireplaces. "There is a large garden, a village a mile away with a doctor, dentist and shops, and we have a house with masses of character, traditional eyebrow windows, and a drive with room to park two cars," Mrs O'Sullivan says. "We're very happy."

whole. When the downturn in the market began in 1989, cottages began to fall in price dramatically. They showed less of the early resilience to market conditions that

was shown by most of the larger-

sized country properties," Yolande Barnes, head of residential research at Savills, says. Prices are cheap now, but they may not remain so. "If a housing

market recovery is led by first-time buyers and gradually filters to-wards the upper end of the residen-tial market, then cottage properties will see an upturn before larger. prime country properties," Ms

"Barring a substantial worsening of the recession, now is a good time to buy," she adds. "We may see small falls this year,

but by the end of 1992 we will begin to see a pick-up in the price of cottages. Now is the opportunity to get a bargain."

Cottage (pictured left, above) up a tiny no-through lane near the village of Kington Magna, Dorset. The three-bedroom cottage is

built of mellow stone, with original exposed beams and stone fireplaces. Views all around are of working Dorset farmland; from the rear windows and long back garden you can see the village church across the fields. Yet it is only five miles from the main train line to London, and seven from the

A303. The agents are Gribble Booth and Taylor in Wincanton.
The Cottage (also pictured above), in the village of Kersey, near Hadleigh in Suffolk, is on sale for 605 000 and has been on the for £95,000 and has been on the market for four months. At the height of the boom a similar property would have been on the market for £130,000.

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off-street parking.

The area known as the Suisse Normande lies along the gorge of the river Ome, between Thury-Harcourt and Putanges. Despite the name, the area bears limie resemblance to Switzerland. There are no mountains, but deep ravines and jagged outcrops of rock, wooded hills and blue-green valleys. dotted with the occasional grey stone village.

A popular area for activity holidays including canoeing, rock-climbing, white-water rafting, hill walking, horse-riding, fishing and hang-gliding, it has picturesque small towns and villages including Flers, Putanges, Clecy, Pont d'Ouilly and Ecouche, and a good range of rural buildings and village houses at reasonably low prices.

Small, unconverted stone cottages and barns can be found for £15,000 upwards, although most will need another £15,000 to restore. Habitable houses start at £20,000 in a village and £25,000 in the country. For about £33,000, you can find a three-bedroom cottage ready to move into (although not necessarily modernised to British standards of comfort). with fitted kitchen and bath, central heating, some traditional features,

and half an acre of land. To the east of the river Orne is Vimoutiers, the pretty village in the Pays d'Auge where Camembert cheese was created, and starting point of the Normandy cheese route. A traditional colombage (timbered farmhouse) for sale at £49,000 near Vimoutiers has three



Swiss in name only: this thatched cottage is for sale at £21,500

bedrooms, modernised kitchen and bath, two acres of meadowland and a view of the cottage once owned by Marie Harel, famed for her Camembert cheese. The agent is Barbers, 427-429 North End Road, London SW6 (071-381 0112). To the north is the Calvados area, where country roads wind through orchards of apple and pear, and you can still find an old pressoir (cider house) to restore for about £15.000.

The centre of the Orne region.

between Argentan and l'Aigle, is prime horse-breeding country, with many famous studs, including the splendid 16th-century Haras-du-Pin national stud built by Mansart and Le Notre, the architects of Versailles. A stud farm near l'Aigle, with 60 acres of pastureland and paddocks, 25 loose boxes and a renovated 18th-century farmhouse, with four bedrooms, is currently on

offer at £130,000 (agents: Barbers). Further south and west, around Alençon, an old town noted for its

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Thoroughbred heads for the knacker's yard

Heap of the week: Bradgate stables

Bradgate House in Leicestershire are a magnificent sight, even in their half-ruined state. The great central tower and gabled wings bear more than a passing resemblance to the famous front of Knole in Kent.

The stables were built in 1856 for the 7th Earl of Stamford, a patron of the turf and master of the Quorn Hunt. His architect was M.J. Daine. In those days, the masters of the shire hunts would take over for several years and virtually fund the hunt from their own pockets. Lord Stamford's predecessor. Lord Suffield. practically bankrupted himself

with the stables he built. The Bradgate stables were used in the second world war to house evacuees and were habitable, council officers say, when Redland Aggregates, the present

THE stables and kennels at owners acquired the quarry company which owned the estate. Since then Redland has demolished Bradgate House, built at the same time as the stables, replacing it with offices.

When the stables were listed four years ago, Redland sought to have them delisted, but Hinckley and Bosworth borough council fought back fiercely and the stables were upgraded to II*.

Council officers are now taking strong action on all listed buildines at risk in the area, and have served three repairs notices this year. They are determined to see that all listed buildings being left to rot are either repaired or put on the market.

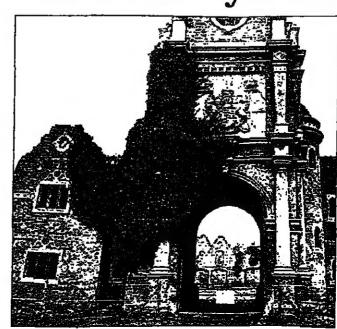
The council has carried out an extensive survey of the condition of the buildings and will shortly insist that Redland carries out measures to stop further deterio-

ration. The courtyard plan of the stables makes them ideal for restoration as a series of selfcontained houses.

There is also a possibility of a new, separate access from a road laid down behind the buildings by Amey Roadstone, which owns the adjoining site.

George Phillipson, the managing director of Redland, believes the council will have been "dumbstruck" by the condition of the buildings, but adds: "We probably would sell. A private house would be acceptable, a hotel possibly not. We would not be unhappy with multiple residen-tial use."

MARCUS BINNEY



Grown old disgracefully: Bradgate stables are Grade II* listed

The art and soul of selling

Nicole Swengley reviews a testing idea in which art students set out to display and sell their work in a leading store

ommercial acumen has become as important as creativity to young artists and designers. As a result, Liberty in London and students at the Royal College of Art have joined forces to present a selling show. The students have designed and made all the merchandise and the furniture, fabrics and wall hangings that decorate the display areas.

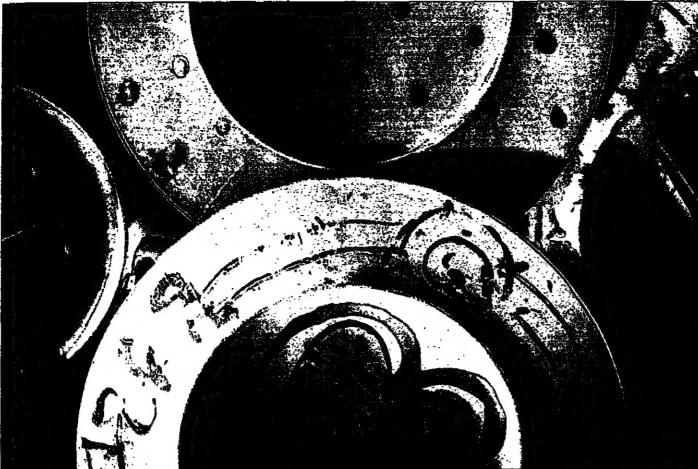
Liberty has often sold individual pieces by RCA students, but this venture is the largest multi-disciplinary project ever mounted by

Allison Pyrah of Liberty, who initiated the show, says: "It's a chance for the students to work on a real commercial project; to research the market, come up with new merchandise ideas and to price the goods. We were deter-mined that we didn't want to display the work as if it was a degree show. It was important for the students to design the interior

The RCA is Britain's only postgraduate institution of university status devoted to the study of art, design and communication, and has about 700 students on 34 courses. The Liberty project reflects the approach to the commercial aspects of art and design of Jocelyn Stevens, the RCA rector, who leaves the post this summer

after eight years. A student who finishes a masters degree with little idea how to source materials or approach a gallery to mount an exhibition is barely equipped for today's harsh realities. But students at the RCA receive a psychological tool kit to cope with market forces through industrial sponsorships and other commercial ventures. The results speak for themselves: 98 per cent of the students get jobs immediately, of whom 75 per cent work in the

speciality they studied at college. For the Liberty project, students formed nine teams from courses in ceramics, glass, woven, printed



Dinner with Sheridan: RCA student Madeleine Childs's bowl and striking ceramic malapropisms from the Liberty display, from £50

and knitted textiles. A student from the design management course provided a working link between the college departments and the store. This method of working has broken new ground at the college and mirrors the emphasis on teamwork within the design profession. The most successful groups have been those in which the students got the best out of each other by sparking off

ideas," Ms Pyrah says.
The brief from Liberty was deliberately vague. Students were asked to "create interior spaces" but the choice of themes, objects for sale and interior decoration

was left to them. One of the most visually appealing themes is "Toys and Puppets". whose exhibition space is daubed in bright, Mondrian-style colours to suggest a playroom. The chequered floor resembles a chess board and the students' work is presented on building blocks. Inside the space stands Simon Hart's 5ft-tall screen (£950) covered with printed doll's house images, whose swing hinges allow it to fold through 180 degrees to

become a playhouse. Alison Meikle's transparent domes (£195) house fantasy castles made of paper and hand-woven fabric, while her decorated canary yellow espresso cups and saucers (£32.50) have a circus motif.

achel Howard has made 6ft-tall, free-standing wooden cut-out figures with wardrobes of clothes for dressing up (£550 each). Simon Ward has focused his energies on creating porcelain robotic figures and crackle-glaze rockets (from £17.50 to £325), and

moneybox bombs (£35). Helen Rawlinson's brightly coloured bus, train and car (£235-£270) are made of coloured card stitched with fabric and embroidery. Toy making is a new departure for her. "I liked the idea of moving embroidery into three dimensions rather than working on something flat," she says. The students working together

on the theme "Mrs Malaprop's Dinner" have indulged in some imaginative lateral thinking. Sheridan's character, renowned for her misuse of words, has inspired an unusual collection of quirky objects and abuses of

imagery presented in a distorted

The intended purpose of each object has been questioned in a scatter-brained, humorous way. David Shaw's fruit bowls (£125-£150) are a curve of slumped glass with individual holes for apples, bananas or tangerines. Jane Muir's egg cup, mounted on a ceramic bust, considers the relationship between figure and object (around £215). Madeleine Childs's weirdly shaped vases (£195) incor-porate candlesticks on either side.

Most striking of all are Mark Adler's jagged-edged goblets (£40) and vases. His purple glass jugs with yellow handles and over-thetop decanters cost about £80.

The interior space for the theme called "Legend" is a pavilion of rich fabrics with objects appearing

to float freely. Peter Keay's embroidered and metallic lights (from £475) and armoured panel (£595) echo this lush use of materia

David Lee has drawn on Narcis-sus for his distressed, etched and treated mirror surfaces framed with gilded wood (£85-£250). Leg-endary characters also inspired Psul Reilly's painted papier ma-che gimbelled trays and vases (£475 each), which literally swing

through life's wheel of fortune. Louise Stevenson's "Ancient Mariner explores the symbolism and imagery of Coleridge's poem, with parts of the text appearing on weathered panels (from £375) and

painted tea chests (£550).

Liberty's role in the project has been to advise the students on pricing and display and to act as a catalyst for merchandise ideas. Some students were way off mark on pricing," Ms Pyrah says, "but learning how to price goods is all part of the commercial exercise." • "Interior Spaces" runs from March 17 to April 7 at Liberty, Regent St, WI (071-734 1234).

Poster art ads worth hoarding

Nostalgia for the adventures of pre-war holidays returns this month with an auction of brightly coloured travel posters

the romance of ocean liners, steam trains and holidaying at the seaside are gaining in popular-ity as collectables. When Onslow's, Britain's only

specialist auctioneers of such posters, started in 1984, prices began at £5 and nothing went for more than £100. Today they cost any-thing from £200 to £2,000, depending on the poster's rarity and condition and the artist.

The most sought after subjects are anything to do with ocean liners, aircraft, locomotives and dining cars, sea bathers, sports and, of course, pretty girls.

Strangely, many of the evocative images of early advertising stem from the centralisation of the railways in 1924.
"The Grouping", as it was known, reduced the many regional railway companies to the big four: London, Midland & Scot-

tish: London & North Eastern Aguitania: up to £1,500 Railway; Great Western Railway: and Southern Railway. More concentrated com-petition resulted in heightened poster advertising campaigns us-

poster advertising campaigns using well-known artists of the day.
The master poster artist of this
era was Tom Purvis (1888-1959),
who was signed up during the
1930s by LNER to be one of a
group of five poster artists. The
impact of his style, the bold blocks
of colours without outline, earned
him the name "The King of the
Hoardings". Purvis's designs have Hoardings". Purvis's designs have reached record prices: his 1925 art deco "Umbrella Girl" ferched

£5,000 two years ago.

The other four of the "big five" artists were Fred Taylor, Frank Newbold, Frank Mason and Austin Cooper. Works by all of these are worth collecting, although subject matter will determine value. Taylor's cathedrals and abbeys, for instance, although

ravel posters from the immaculately executed, will go for 1920s and 1930s recalling around £200. But his 1924 design of crowds promenading at Scar-borough, the ladies with their dropped-waist dresses and beautifully detailed parasols, is worth

about £500. The most recognised and loved railway poster of all time is the hoarding poster "Skegness is so bracing", by John Hassall, show-ing a round and jolly fisherman dancing over the beach. Hassall, the father of British poster art and its leading exponent until the

1920s, designed the poster in 1908 for the Great Northern Railway. forerunner of the LNER. It was used throughout the 1930s, with the Skegness pier ap-pearing in the background in one version and the fisherman's wife in another. As a hoarding (approximately double the usual poster size) it is worth about £600.

One of the strongest designs is P. Irwin Brown's 1924 poster of the famous Cunard

and the LMS Royal Scot locomotive. A copy in good condition is worth about £1,500. Further examples of 1920s and 1930s travel posters are those by

Shell. Vanessa Bell of the Camden Group worked on the "See Britain First on Shell" series, as did Edward Clark Hall, a pupil of Augustus John.

Some of the most powerful designs of all, however, were by the American artist E. McKnight Kauffer. His "Stonehenge by night" has auctioned for £1,500. British poster art died out after 1939 with the advent of photographic printing and television. But the romance lingers on.

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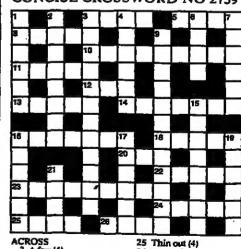
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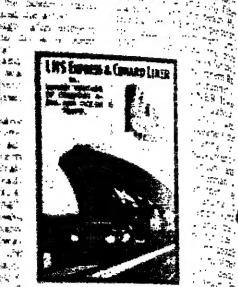
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6.40 Village Praise from Rhoslanerchrugog in north Wales (200047)
7.15 May to December. Likeable age gap comedy. Starring Anton Rodgers and Lesley Dunlop. (Ceefax) (s) (936757)
7.45 Lovejoy. len McShane's dodgy antiques dealer discovers that a local MP's son is selling forged paintings. (Ceefax) (s) (344931)
8.35 So Haunt Me. Comedy series starring Miriam Karlin es a Jewish phost. (Ceefax) (s) (178963) $meg_{W^{\pm}\overline{Q}_{S}}$. 1.√5 _{\$78} 27.



Full house: Gwen Taylor, Jill Baker, Penelope Wilton (9.05pm) 9.05 Scream

Screaming

CHOKE: Carla Lane's new attoom is about women trying to do without men and making a hash of it. Annie (Gwen Taylor), Beatrice (Penelope Wilton) and Rachael (Jilf Baker) are middle-aged friends sharing a house. Annie is a desert ≈ wite, Beatrice has looked for Mr Right and never found him. Rachael is grieving was the loss of her louer unswers that her reals have shared him. over the loss of her lover, unaware that her pals have shared him. Rachael does most of the screaming, although her man has been dead for a year. Perhaps like the decaased lover in Truly Madly Deeply, he will come back as a ghost. Meanwhile, the show rattles briskly along, helped by Lane's hard-edged dialogue and three excellent leads. It may be significant that the one male character on view lonight is a fat, telly-glued lout who never bothers to answer when his wife is talking to him. (Ceefex) (s) (570950)

9.40 News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax), Weather (619221)

10.05 Mastermind. Magnus Magnusson asks the questions from the Dockyard Church in Chathern, Kent (s) (225331)
10.35 Heart of the Matter: Just Obeying Orders. Atthough Germany is now united, investigations into the country's Communist past are threatening to reopen old wounds (625660)

11.10 The Vote Race (260775) 11.50 The Shadow Industrial designers from Newcastle upon Tyne and Munich compare notes (r). (Ceelax) (710047)
12.10am The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore discusses esteroida (8640283). Northern Ireland: 12.10 Mahabharat
12.40 Mahabharat (r) (3578486) 1.15 Weather

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Maths: Good Vibrations 7.00 Modern Art: Pissarro 7.25 Maths Modelling: Seat Belts 7.50 Christopher Piantin, Printer of Antwerp 8.15 Copernicus and His World 8.40 The Main Frame and the Micro 9.05 Biology Form and Function 9.30 Arts: Narrative 9.55 Drifting Continents 10.20 Reading the Landscape 11.10 Open Forum 11.35 Farming: Organic or Conventioned (57287318): Conventional (57287318)

12.00 Westminster Programmes (94009). Northern Ireland: Green-ingers (r): Wales: Scrutiny 12.30 Film: Nickelodeon (1976). Engaging slapstick comedy about the

early days of moving pictures when the unikeliest people became film-makers and stars. Starring Ryan O'Neal, Burt Reynolds and Tatum O'Neal. Directed by Peter Bodganovich (35191825) 2.25 Discovering Menorca. An RSPB film of bitd-watchers on holiday in Menorca (46819196)

2.50 Glovenna D'Arco. The Opera Season resumes with an early Verde opera about Joan of Arc, staged in the Teatro Comunele of Bologna, German him-maker Wemer Herzog makes his operatic directing debut. With the Orchestra and Chorus of the Teatro Communate di Bologna, conducted by Riccardo Chailly (s) (64100757)

5.00 Rugby Special. Highlights of the important Courage League division one game between Gloucester and Northampton (s) (4641). Wales: Rugby Special Wales - Bridgend v Swansea,

(4641). Wales: Nugoy Special Wales — Bridgerio, y awarisea, Llanelli v Newport

6.00 The Real McCoy. Entertaining mixed culture comedy, featuring highlights from the successful first series. With Curtis and Ishmael, Llewella Gideon and Collette Johnson (884009)

6.35 The Money Programmer: A Price for Scotland. Rory Cellan-Jones considers whether the price of Scotlish nationhood might be too high for the economy. Is devolution a sounder option?

(918554)
7.15 The Natural World: New Guines — An Island Apart. The second film on New Guines explores the remote interior, from tropical rainforests to snow-capped mountains. (Ceefax) (s) (464318)
8.05 Follow the Money. The last programme in the series examining the way British business operates. Christopher Hird considers how Britain's benking system compares with that in the United States (60204A)

(633844) 9.05 The British Film and Television Awards: For Excellence in Crafts. Prince Edward presents the 1991 awards honouring the backstage talents of the film and television industry. Presented by Clive Anderson and Emma Freud from the Theatre Royal in Bristo



Collector's piece: Mueller-Stahl and Brenda Fricker (10.05pm)

10.05 Screen Two: Utz

CHOICE: Bruce Chatwin's elusive and allusive novel about man obsessed with porcelain figures and operatic divas is skillully translated to the screen by edaptor Hugh Whitemore and director George Sluizer. The main change is to replace Chatwin's first person narrator with an American art dealer (Peter Riegert), who plays detective when the enigmatic Baron von Utz dies and his Meissen collection goes missing from his Prague flat. The film deals smoothly with a complex flashback structure in which the Utz character is portrayed at four different ages, in his adult guise he is given subtle end moving substance by the German actor, Armin Mueller-Starl, and there are telling contributions fron Brenda Pricker as the maid who becomes the Baroness and Paul Scofield as an eccentric scientist. (Cestax) (s) (212196)

11.40 Tin Machine: Live. Devid Bowie's latest bend perform their mixture of rhythm 'n' blues and innovation in a concert recorded last year at the Docks in Hamburg (s) (149950) man obsessed with porcelain figures and operatic divas is skilfully

last year at the Docks in Hamburg (s) (149950) 12.40am Rapido. Featuring Kylis Minogue, the Beastle Boys and Ronnie Jordan (r) (2278429). Ends at 1.15

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6.00 TV-am (3467979) 9.25 Disney's DTV Romancin' (1573047) 10.20 The Littlest Hobo (8377467)

10.45 Link considers why disabled people do not appear in commercials (Oracle) (6656738)

11.00 Meditations: A Meditation on Fear and Anxiety. The second of tour thoughts for Lent (99115)

12.00 Visions. Religious magazine presented by Nick Stuart and Kali Whitaker Includes an interview with Sheila Kitzinger and a visit to the spiritual heart of Milton Keynes (14863)

12.30 LWT News Weekend (6079931) 12.55 LWT Weather (60018399) 1.00 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (71017738)

1.10 Walden. Brian Walden telks to Alex Salmond, leader of the Scottish National party (5299028) 1.55 The Day (13293202) 2.00 Sharp's Funday! Pat Sharp introduces an episode from Batman and WCW Pro Wrestling (7017080) 2.50 Dinosaurs. Puppet series (s) (4107863) 2.70 Metabl.

3.20 The Match. Live coverage of the match between Manchester City and Southampton from Mane Road (s) (85599979)
5.30 World's Greatest Stunte — Livel Feats by Hollywood's top stunt men (738)

**8.00 Heannah Heuxwell — Innocent Abroad. The daleswoman visits Italy and explores Rome, Florence and Siena (979)
 **8.30 ITN News with Sue Carpenter Weather (335841) 6.35 LWT News

(334912)
6.40 Appeal Claire Rayner appeals on the behalt of Sands, the Shillbirth and Neo-Natal Death Society (608009)
6.45 Highway. Sir Harry Secombe visits Dublin as it prepares to celebrate St Patrick's Day on Tuesday. He meets writer Maeve Birichy and Mary Robinson, the Irish president (924912)
7.15 You've Been Framed! Home video disasters presented by Jersmy Beadle (921825)

7.45 Forever Green. Country drama with an ecological stant starring



A trap for a killer: Michael Gambon sets the bait (8.45pm)

8.45 Maigret. Last in the polished crime series starring Michael Gambon as Georges Simenon's thinking detective. A killer is stalking the streets of Montmartre. (Oracle) (s) (622626) 9.45 ITN News with Sue Carpenter. Weather (651824) 10.00 LWT Weather (387405)

10.05 Special inquiry Donald MacCormick previews the election campaign and tries to predict the result by inviting campaign chiefs to win the votes of an undecided studio audience (4458624) 11.10 The Chieftains and Guesta. To celebrate St Patrick's Day on Tuesday, the Chieftains with Roger Daltrey and Nanc Griffith provide music and dance from the Grand Opera House, Belfest (s)

12.15am Cue the Music. The Mission in concert (s) (631177)

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1.15 Extreme East. Youth and culture series (411535)
1.45 The ITV Chart Show (r) (s) (629332)
2.45 Film: Good Against Evil (1977), Inferior and derivative version of The Exercist starring someone called Dack Rambo. Directed by Paul Wendkos (259326)
4.20 Pick of the Week (r) (63967662)
4.50 Out of Limits. Sport set to music (115974)
5.05 Soap. Cult American comedy (r) (2612264)
5.30 ITN Morning News (53603). Ends at 6.00

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9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan Indian drama (\$215047)
10.00 Dispatches Does Scotland's future lie with independence of devolution? (f) (6492573) 10.45 Dennis Animation (6547050) 11.00 D'Art Deaf children use sign language to explore the performing arts (r) (5782) 11.30 Flipper Flipper is kidnapped (1912) 12.00 Little House on the Prairie (r) (27825)

1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea (r) (6510115) 1.55 Film: Diane (1955) Stodgy costume drama starring Lana Turner as a scheming commoner who talls in lave with the son of the King of France, With Rager Moore and Pedro Armendaria. Directed by

David Miller (33911931)
4.00 Big World Animators: The Demon by Kihachiro Kawamoto (644554).
4.25 Citizen 2000: Reading, Writing and Roald Dahl. A documentary

series rollowing the lives of 20 children. Today's programme shows eight children at their lessons in state and private schools. (Telete-t) (6453003) 4.55 News and weather (8529202) 5.00 The Sun and the Serpent A search for the Earth's energy lines

that travers: the sacred sites of pre-histonic peoples (2642) 5.30 Star Chamber Conservative AIP Gillian Shephard faces faving

and finial quactions from two computers (s) (680)

6.00 Press Gang Repeat of the Safta award winting children's drama sense written by Steven Moffatt (Teletier) (t) (221)

6.30 The Wonder Years Comedy drama series (s) (573)

7.00 Pragile Earth: The Secret City

CHOICS The latest part of the former Soviet Union to yield its secrets to workers camera crees is a city in Sibona which brushed

secrets to wortern camora crows is a city in Sibora which housed the Soviet nuclear borno programme. The operation was sa-clandeshine that the city was walled and wired printed from maps and not even given a name. Rediction (all-cut, which contaminated half a million people, was also kept secret. Victims who were treated in hospital were not told the cause of their sickness in 1957 an experien in an underground waste tank set off the biggest nuclear backdont before Cherophyl. The news was suppressed for more than 30 years. A team from Channel 4 News offers a tascinating gampse inside the unnamed city and reports on attempts to involve wostern scientists in plans to turn the area mto a radiation research centre. (Teletekt) (3486).

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8.00 Return of the Musk Ox Wilddle documentar, from the Sun war
feam, narrated by Chris Kelly Cverhunting caused musk over to
disappear from their tractional from in the Artic fundrals of
northern Alaska just over 100 years ago. However they have been
successfully controduced and are flourishing (n) (6486).

8.30 Childhood: Love's Laboura Third of a seven-part school tracing
child development (72686).

9.30 Burning Books. Titles include Dalk Begande's Jenstra (28554)



Planning the caper: Lodge, Sellers and Cribbins (10.00pm) 10.00 Film: Two Way Stretch (1960, b/w)

 CHOICE The Peter Sellers season continues with one of his most enjoyable comedies, an unascurrung but crisply executed romp in which Sellers is supported by a roster of British cinema statwarts. There are cohoes of the pre-war Will Hay vehicle, Conwot 99, in the story of crooks Sellers, Bernard Cribbins and David Lodge planning to break out of prison to steal a maharajah's swels and break back in to give themselves an alibi. The project is aided by Willind Hyde White as a bogus clergyman and threatened by the arrival of sadistic prison officer Lionel Jettines. Maurice Denham is the easy-going governor and not for the first time in the chemical in the easy-going governor and not for the first time in the chemical interest the director was Robert Day, later to make Tony Hancock's first film, The Rebel. (Telctext) (957757)

11.40 Big World Animators A tale of obsession by the Japanese director Kinacheo Kawamoto (968757)

12.00 Billion The Might of Kinacheo Kawamoto (968757)

12.00 Film: The Night of St Lawrence (1974) Moving second world war drama from the Italian brothers, Paolo and Vittorio Taviani, in which the Americans liberate a Tuscan fown from the Nazis in Italian with English subtitles. Ends at 2.00am

SATELLITE

14.00 SKY ONE

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Politier as a main who peer in three-mail dying woman (18776).

10.00 UHF (1989). Comedy about television, with "Werd Al" Yarkiond (65738).

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2.00pm Driving Miss Dailsy (1989). A 72-year-old Southern lady learns to file her new black chauffeur. Storring Jesson Tandy and Morgan Freeman (98711).

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(21383)
9.45 Flashback (1990) Comedy about an FBI agent escorting a phsoner (663315)
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1.10 Zelly And Me (1988) Drame about an unhappy orphan (935413)
2.45 Deadly Geme (1985) A high school student creates an armod nuclear device Staming John Lithgow, Christopher Collett. Cynthia Nuon (26390516)

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Lacy and the Mississippi Queen (1485325)
8.30-8.00 Dinoseurs (738) 10.35 Magnum
(192757) 11.35 Dangerous Women (144005)
12.35 A Prize of Arms (209425) 2.35 Cue the
Music (9989210) 3.35 The TTV Chart Show
(6489780) 4.90-5.30 Central Jobfinder '92
(42089)

8.55 Weather; News Headlines 7.00 Morning Concert: Bach (Prelude and Fugue in D, BWV 874* Gustav Leonhardt, harpsschord), Stravinsky (Violan Concerto: London SO under André Presen)

7.30 News
7.35 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont)
Haydn (Prano Tno in D, H XV
24' Beaus Arts Tno), Dvörak
(Quariet in D minor, Op 34,
Prague String Quariet)
9.90 News

8.30 News
8.35 A Land with Music: William
Boyce (Serenala Solomon,
Parts 2 and 3. Chor and
Orchestra of the Parley of
Instruments under Roy
Georgian)

Goodman) 9.15 Maurizio Pollini: Second of

André Previn)

with an affair (541283)
10.15 The Chalk Garden (1986) A gowerness (Deborah Kerr) who talkes up a post in a tonely hall-top house (561047)
12.15 Dark Victory (1839): Betto Davis plays a doomed society girl (830689)
2.15 Chiticren Of The Brids (1890): A widow marnes a younger man (810825)
4.15 Cousins (1989): Romaniac comedy shout the infidetiles of two couples (708641)
6.15 Cotumbo: Unleasy Lies The Crown (1800): All Cotumbo: Unleasy Lies The Crown (1800): Al

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(2432757) 1.55 Power Has USA (842560)
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Shoots, He Scores (8894196) 4.00 The Grea
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File (9963) 6.00 Selt-a-Vision (916306)
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Juliebon Danca (27142)

seven programmes celebrating the planet's tiftieth birthday Schubert (Wanderer Fantasy, D 760), Stockhausen (Piano Piece IX), Beethoven (Choral Fantasy, Op 80 Vienna PO under Claudio Abbado, Vienna State Opera Concert Chor)
10.15 Music Weekly
11.00 From the Proms 1991: Boston SO under Sein Ozawa

performs Beethoven's Symphony No 8 in F and Berlioz's Symphonie fanlastique
12.25pm Peter Maxwell Davies:
Missa super l'Homme armé Missa super L'Homme armé. The Fires of London, with

Venessa Redgrave as the

12.45 Reptay:

• CHOICE. When, in 1964, the legendary theatre director Tyrone Guthne recorded this the devotion to talk about his devotion to Shakespeare, he was still at the height of his cut-andthrust powers. Nearly three decades later, we still hear the swish of the sword he brandished when he went into action against those "silly and impertinent" egg-heads who insisted that Shakespeare was better suited to the study than the stage if the Bard had believed that, says Guthrie with the impish wil be was famous for, he would have left

his manuscripts to posterity in

1.00 News . 1.05 Your Concert Choice: With Paul Guinery, Stravinsky (Greeting Prelude, Columbia

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est 9.25em-10.20 Film: Farming Wates (6079331) 2.00 hTV Now-west (60016399) 2.30-2.50 Planning the Small Gender (6927399) 5.30-5.00 From the Brisk (736)

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Orchestra under Hans Vonk), Haydn (Pano Tro in A, H XV 18. Beaux Aris Tro), Kanchel (Symphony No 5 Georgan State Symphony Orchestra

under Jansug Kakhidze)
2.30 Felicity Lott The soprano

performs music by Wolf
Strauss, Liszi and Poulenc
4.05 Poet of the Month: Peter
Porter reads from The Chair of
Babel
4.15 Uister Orchestre: Bryden

Symphony No 9 in E minor, From the New World (r) 5.15 Listening To . . . Renaissa Polyphony, Michael Hall

Thomson conducts Dvěral 'a Overture, Othelio and

discusses how Renaissance

prayer, including distrations from L'Homme armé masses by Dutay, Busnois, Carver, Josquin, LaRue and Palestini 6.00 Towards the Millennium:

Demngton
7.00 BBC Scottish SO: Alexander

Gibson conducts Beethoven's
Overture: The Runs of Athens
and Haydn's Symphony No 49
in F myor (la Passione) (r)
7.30 Sunday Play: Oroonoko
Aphra Bohn's novella about an

a slave (r)

12.00-12.05am News

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African prince who is taken as

First of four programmes Brodsky String Quartet performs Beethoven's Quartet in F. Op 135, and

in F, Op 135, and
Schoenberg's Quariet No 1 in
D minor, Op 7

10.15 Barshai Conducts: BBC
Welsh SO performs Rossint's
Overture, Semiramide, and
Prokofiev's Symphony No 3 in
C minor, Op 44

11.05 Bernard D'Ascotle The pianist
performs Lesz's Bollade No 2
in B minor and Chopin's
Nocturne in D flat, Op 27, No
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en and Schoenberg

Religious music and poetry from 1911 to 1920. Performed

by Ex Cathedra Chamber Choir under Jeffrey Skidmore, with reader, Richard

YORKSHIRE As London except: 9.25-10.20 F/m The 11.05 The Reconstructed Heart (R33316) 11.05 The Reconstructed Heart (R33316) 11.05 The Reconstructed Heart (R33316) 11.55 The Reconstructed Heart (R33316) 11.50 Catch 5 Joseph Heller and Rembrand (R33322) 2.00-3.20 F/m Assault on 13.2001; 12.55am Diverdid (13.2001) 13.55am Diverd

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People 8.55 Weather
9.00 News from Europe's golden core destined to deckre? (r) 4.47 Attissions Improbable Marini Wanswight reflects on Charles Wilson Poake, inventor extraordinane, who designed America's lirst velocipede, e-perimented with false teeth and fried his hand at lauderm, by preserving Benjamin Franklin's cat 5.00 Down Your Way from Nelsen 5.00 Down Your Way from Nelson Mrd Glansrgan, the village where Falklands veteran Simon Wenton was brought up and where he have now settled to raise his own tamby 5.40 Lines of Communication Supprogrammes in which Patrice Hannan ties to bridge the gap between what people say and what they mean 2 Are you being served "in 5.50 Shipping Forceast 5.55 Weather

9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from Americo, by
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community at the Lendon.
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12.15pm Desert Island Disco Marii
Cane is Sue Lawley s
castaway (s)

12.55 Weather 1.00 The World This Weekend with Nick Clarke 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time
The learn visits The team visits Worcestershire, where members of the Disitivich Spa and District Horncultural

Society put their questions
2.30 Globe Theatre

CHOICE "A true and historical tragedy is says the solemn announcer, introducing Craig Warner's mind boggling play about Columbus II you know your Warner (Figure with Meat, etc) you will greet that "true" with a wry smale Columbus may have had the Cross on his sails as he voyaged lorth, but only Warner has dared make the quantum leap to Columbus's declaration that God is not his superior but his kinsman and

that only the inter L separates gold from God. Warner's alternative Columbus is played con fuoco by Ben Kingsley, and Frances Barber also risks burning out her vocal cords as isabetta (s)

3.30 The Radio Programme with Laurie Taylor (s)
4.00 Analysis Unsceptied Isles Are the UK regions turthest

reports on the fate of these endangered species (r)
9.30 Special Assignment (r) 9.59
Weather 10.00 News 10.15 Paelle On Sundays An account by Patricia Langdon-Davies of a week in the life of her hotel in Catalonia (s) 11.00 in Committee

cardening tips (r)

8.00 Punters (r) 8.40 Reading Aloud in the first of

8.40 Reading Aloud in the first of a new series, Jen Permi reads For Almold Pines, an essay about mountaineuring (s)
9.00 The Natural History Programme Elephant and Rhino for sale! Alex Kirby reports on the late of those

6.00 News 6.15 Feedback, with Chris Duralley

6.30 Europhile (rr (s)
7.00 Africa: Deadline For The Dark
Continent The last in Michael
Buerk's series
7.30 Bookshelf Dirk Biogarde talks
about his latest ripvel, *Jericho*,
and its sations in France. Plus

and its setting in France Plus Nigel Forde feads up on some

11.00 in Committee 11.30 Seeds of Faith: Pondering These Things: A senes of seven devotional talks for Lent and Easter in which women reflect on themes from the Apostles' Creed, God, the Aposues Creed. God. Ine Father Almighty Prosented by Sara Martand feminist and writer (2 of 7) (s) 12.00am News 12.20 Weather 12.33

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BBC 1

6.35 Open University: The Present in the Past: Greek Drama 7.00 Maths: Multiplying Matrices (3336795) 7.25 News and weather (5673733)

7.30 Crystal Tippa and Allstair. Cartoon (r) (1645482) 7.35 Wiz Bang (s) (7219207) 7.45 The Jetsons. Space-age cartoon (r) (9670375) 8.05 Eggs 'n' Baker. Cheryl Baker celebrates Mrs Beeton's birthday, and prepares recipes including apple soup, boiled salmon and

lemon jelly (s) (7305288) L35 Thundercats. Animated adventures (r) (4379988) 9.00 Going Live! presented by Philip Schofield and Sarah Greene. Today's guests include violinist Nigel Kennedy, sports journalist lan Stafford and Wet Wet (a) (87142269) 12.10 Weather

(3766998)

12.15 Grandstand introduced by Bob Wilson. The line up is (subject to alteration): 12.20 Football: A round-up of the FA Cup and Tennents Scottish Cup quarter-finals, plus news and results; 12.30 Ice Hockey: Durham Wasps v Humberside Seahawks; 1.00 News; 1.05 Boxing: European Middleweight title fight between Sumbu Kalambay (Italy) and Herol Graham (GB); 1.50 Racing: A review of the Chellenham Festival; 2.05 Badminton: Finals day from Wembley Arens; 2.55, 3.55 Rugby League: Castleford v Huti, Irve from Headingley; 3.45 Football: Half-time scores; 4.35 Final Score (16163240)

5.05 News and weather (3623153) 5.15 Regional news and weather (3629337)

5.25 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson considers whether cartoons are too

violent and make fun of minority groups (2655608) 5.50 Big Break. Snooker quiz presented by Jim Davidson, with guests Tony Knowles, Neat Foulds and David Taylor. (Ceefast) (s) (382511)
6.20 Noel's House Party. Resistible fun and games with Noel
Edmonds, who is joined by Jimmy Tarbuck, Max Boyce and Urrika



Micronaut: Dennis Quaid surrounded by shrinks (7.10pm)

7.10 Films Innerspace (1987). Engaging science-fiction comedy staming Dennis Quaid, Martin Short and Meg Ryan. An experiment to shrink a test pilot and inject him into a rabbit goes predictably wrong. Directed Joe Dante of Gremins (36061356)
9.05 Moon and Son: The Chinese Medicine Man. Tepid astrological thriter series from Bergerac creator Robert Banks Stewart. When a doctor comes under suspicion of theft and murder, Trevor conjures

up a little onental sorcery. Starring Millicent Mertin and John Michie (Ceelax) (s) (782356)

10.00 News with John Humphrys. Sport and weather (87199) 10.30 That's Life! Light-hearted consumer affairs programme presented by Esther Rantzen. The search for a new pop star continues.

11.10 Midnight Caller: Ryder on the Storm. There are eksletons from the past when radio balk-show host Jack Kilian Invites a former 1960s DJ to work at the station. Starring Gery Cole and Robert

Klein. (Ceefax) (s) (367917)

12.00 Film: Moving (1988), hapt comedy starring Richard Pryor as a man beset by disasters when he is forced to move his family from New Jersey to Idaho. With Beverly Todd and Randy Quaid. Directed by Alan Metter (7175608) 1.25em Weather

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BBC 2

6.40 Open University: Understanding Spece and Time 7.85 Maths 7.30 Art in 15th-century Italy 7.56 Living Choices 8.20 Changing Britain 8.45 Probability and Statistics 9.10 Education 9.35 Working with Systems 10.00 Art in 15th-century Italy (66507761) 10.25 Going Through a Phase 10.50 Survival in a Competitive Environment 11.15 Women's Studies 11.40 Making Readers for Life 12.05 Engineering the Software 12.30 The Main Frame and the Micro 12.55 Christopher Plantin, Printer of Antwerp 1.20 Developing World 1.45 Biology 2.10 The All Electric Home 2.35 Managing Schools

Managing Schools
3.00 Mahabharat. Episode 87. In Hindi with English subtitles (8292443) 3.49 Look, Stranger: In the Footsteps of Tees. Desmond Hawkins examines the Dorset countryside through the eyes of Thomas Hardy's heroine in Tess of the D'Urbarvilles (r) (4493849)
 4.00 Film: Away All Boats! (1956). Formula second world war drama, set in the Pacific. Jeff Chandler stars as the martinet ceptain of an

American transport vessel trying to whip his crew into an efficient

American transport vessel trying to whip his crew into an efficient fighting unit. Directed by Joseph Pevrey (84334694)
5.50 Late Again. Highlights from The Late Show (s) (560299)
6.40 News and Sport. Weather (929627)
6.55 The Magic Art of Jan Svankmajer: The Namkry of Demons. The second of two programmes celebrating the work of the Czech film-maker. Tonight's programme examines his derively humorous approach to life and positios, which led the Czech authorities to han him from making films for a light tensor (707500). ban him from making films for eight years (767530) 7.35 Fine Cut: In Black and White

 CHOICE: The Australian film-maker Russ Karel offers a companion piece to his well-received Almonds and Raisins which was shown on Channel 4. Almonds and Raisins was study of the Jewish community in the United States through its indigenous chema. In Black and White does the same thing for the blacks. Between the two world wars, while Hollywood ignored blacks or treated them as comic stereotypes, an independent black cinema flourished in segregated movie houses. Karel has rescued several examples, which he relates to the social history of the period. Unfortunately a worthwhile project is undermined by Karel's loose. hold on his material. Instead of a carefully structured argument he ents us with a diffuse remble. Even so, the realities of black oppression cannot help bursting through (621795)



Peasant King: Christopher Lambert as the mobster (9.05pm)

9.05 Film: The Sicilian (1967) CHOICE: This portrait of the Sicilian bandit, Salvatore Giuliano has precisely the virtues and the defects we have come to expect from Michael Cimino, director of The Deer Hunter and Heaven's Gale. Cimino's strengths are the set piece and a strong visual style, his main failing the inability to construct a coherent narrative. All are in evidence here along with bold, some would say perverse, casting which has the Tarzan actor Christopher Lambert in the title role, Terence Stamp playing an eristocratic landowner and Barbara Sukowa as an American-born duchess. But no one will argue with Joss Ackland's superb portrayal of the Mails chief. In contrast to Francesco Rosi's film about Glullano, Cimono stresses the mythic quality of his hero and often turns an Italian story into something reminiscent of the American western (28355443)

11.00 Newsnight (253375)

11.45 (Rutter Legends: Rock 'n' Roll Night. The third of five concerts recorded live at the Seville Expo '92 Festival. Bob Dylan and Keith Pilchards perform their version of "Shaka, Rattle and Roll" (s) (150576). Ends at 1.15am

ITV

6.00 TV-am (3490207)

9.25 Motornouth. Young people's entertainment (29024559)
11.30 Zorro, Swashbuckling adventure (2559)
12.00 The ITV Chart Show. Festiving Curtis Stiger's new video, the rock chart, and De La Soul performing "Me, Myself and I" in the Video Vault (s) (29065) 1.00 ITN News with Carol Barnes. Weather (77966191) 1.05 LW1

News and weather (77965462)
1.10 Saint and Greavsie. Ian St John and Jimmy Greaves present highlights of the midweek Barclays League first division matches and preview tomorrow's live match on ITV between Manchester

2.00 Escape from Alcebraz II. The world's top trialhletes attempt to

City and struggling Southampton (5222356) 1.55 The Day

escape from Alcatraz II. The words top maintetes attempt to escape from Alcatraz prison (46850443)

2.25 International Athletics: Great Britain v USA. Jim Rosenthal presents live coverage of the Vauchall International from the National Indoor Arena in Birmingham. Among the competitors are Linford Christie and Jason Livingston. With commentary by Alan Pany, Peter Matthews and Steve Ovett (40479714) 4.45 Results Service presented by Elton Welsby (5708917)
5.00 TIN News with Carol Barnes. Weather (6008085) 5.05 LWT News

and weather (3658849)
5.15 Ten Sharpi Pat Sharp recommends ten things to do this weekend

(8) (3647733) 5.25 Baywatch: The Drowning Pool. The last in the series of adventures with the Los Angeles Reguards, Starring David Hasselhoff (r). (Oracle) (4495648)

Hassehoff (r). (Oracle) (4495648)
6.20 Pamily Fortunes. Game show hosted by Las Dennis (s) (136795)
6.50 Murder, She Wrote: Deadly Misunderstanding. Crime writer
Jessica Fletcher hires a temporary typist, whose dead husband
provides the sleuthing novelist with her next murder mystery.
Starring Angela Lansbury and Lise Cutter. (Oracle) (s) (514375)
7.45 Starrs in their Eyes. Another five look-alikes by to emulate their
singing heroes. Presented by Lastie Crowther. (Oracle) (491882)
6.15 The Briss Conley Show. The cornedian is joined by Shells
Ferguson, former lead singer with the Three Degrees, and tries to
catch a speeding bullet between his teeth (s) (772269)
8.45 TN News with Carol Bames, Weather (805288) 9.00 LWT
Weather (809153)

Weather (899153) 9.05 The Other Side of Paradise. Final episode of the romantic drama



Going solo: Annie Lennox talks to Michael Aspel (10.05pm) 10.05 Aspel and Company. Among Michael Aspel's guests is Annie

10.05 Aspel and Company. Among Michael Aspel's guests is Annie Lennox of the Eurythmics, who launches her sole singing career with the single "Why?" (310714)
10.50 Metro. Ian Dury presents London's arts and entertainment magazine. Includes a profile of the comedian Ken Campbell, and the hypnotic world of Peter Casson (s) (875581)
11.25 Tour of Duty; Odd Men Qut. Vietnam war drama series. Team Viking has to rescue the kidnapped wife of a province chief (825296) 12.25am Get Stuffed (7123757)
12.25 WCW Pro Wrestling (4194196)
1.20 New Music. Pop videos (1917950)
2.25 Bhangra Beet. Asian music magazine featuring Loca and Ashok Khosta (4025134)
2.50 American College Football. College gridiron action from the Hall of Fame Bowl (9018318)
3.50 Coach. American comedy drama about a college football coach (95768115)

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4.15 The Hit Men and Her (s) (5477262) 5.30 ITN Moraing News with Tim Noison (44739). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (a) (4608795) 6.25 Dr Snug (8166530) 6.55 Once Upon a Time . . Life (8883462) 7.25 In Conversation with . . . lan Botham (4507578) 7.55 Trans World Sport (752202) 9.00 News Summary (1578530) 9.15 Racing:

The Morning Line (4872998) 9.30 Listening Eye: Deaf TV - The Future. A studio audience gives its views on the service provided for deal people by broadcasters.

with signing and subtitles (r) (37085)

10.00 Our Olympics. The Special Olympics for mentally disabled athletes, held in Glasgow in 1990 (r) (72511)

10.30 Film: Music Hath Charms (1935, b/w). Surreal comedy vehicle for the 1930s bandleader Henry Hall, whose music has an unusual effect on the lives of its listeners (7348998)

11.45 Every Dog's Guide to Complete Home Safety. Carloon with Wally the dog who gives tips on how to avoid catastrophes in the home (9711375) 12.00 Get Smart. Spool spy series (29578)

home (9711375) 12.00 Get Smart. Spool spy series (2876)

12.30 The Beverty Hillbrilles (31801)

1.00 Film: Out of the Clouds (1954). Dated ornnibus drama about passengers stranded at a fog-shrouded London airport. Starring Anthony Steel, James Robertson Justice and Robert Beatty. Directed by Basil Dearden and Michael Relph (4601795)

2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Uttoxeter. Brough Scott introduces the line-up (subject to alteration): (2.30) Tattersalis Mares Only Novices' Chase Final; (3.00) Bet with the Tote Novices' Chase Final; (3.35) Ansells National Handicap Chase; (4.10) Smurfit Paperboard Hurdle; (4.40) MEB Handicap Hurdle (91819608)

5.05 Brookside Omnibus edition (n. (Teletex) (s) (2533172)

Paperboard Hurdle; (4.40) MEB Handicap Hurdle (91819608)
5.05 Brookside. Omnibus edition (r). (Teletex) (s) (2533172)
6.30 Right to Reply with Sheens McDonald. (Teletex) (s) (135)
7.00 A Week in Politics; The Don't Know Show. Channel 4's election coverage begins with a live studio debate between 50 hesitant voters from two marginal constituencies and politicians from the three main parties: David Mellor (Conservative), Bryan Gould (Labour) and Simon Hughes (Liberal Democrat) (5375)
8.00-11.20 TV Heaven: 1978. Frank Muir introduces another evening of vintore enteriorment (554017)

intage entertainment (554917)



The price of love: Cynthia Harris and Edward Fox (8.05pm) 8.05 Edward and Mrs Simpson: The Abdication

 CHOICE: Edward VIII (Edward Fox) faces the truth that he cannot marry Mrs Simpson (Cynthia Harris) and remain king in the climactic episode of a polished historical drama from Thames Television. What might strike us about the series now, apart from the ultra-short haircuts and incessant emoking, is its almost antiseptic detachment. The abdication stirred furious passions and to an extent it still does. Yet Simon Raven's screenplay scrupulously refuses to take sides. The result, arguably, is that the Windsors, as they became, emerge from the series more favourably than later historians have judged them. A curiosity is that Fox delivers the famous radio broadcast apparently staring that Fox dealvers the remous racino ordercast apparency staring into space. There were no autocues in 1936 and the 68C would certainly not have allowed him to sol-lib (8278482).

The South Bank Show. Ken Dodd talks to Melvyn Bragg at Manchester's Palace Theatre, where he financed his own show for

Manchester's Palace Theatre, where he financed his own show for six weeks to save the theatre from closure (883085)

10.10 Rumpole of the Seiley: Rumpole and the Younger Generation. Pliot apisode of the series starring Leo McKern as the inscrible barrister. (Teletext) (7103397)

11.20 Carich Five: Joseph Heller and Rembrandt, in the last in the series, Heller looks at Sell-portrait with a Stick (933199)

11.25 Court TV: America on Trial. A Jahovah's Witness battles for custody of her son (s) (625248)

12.25am Film: Buffets or Balliots (1936, b/w). Gritty gangster thrifter starring Edward G. Robinson as a policeman who goes undercover to break a crime ring. With Humphrey Bogart and Barton MacLane, Directed by William Keighley (7143009) 1.55 The Word (r) (s) (8366825). Ends at 2.55

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(8504) 1.30 Holiday Destinations (87733) 2.30 Feshion TV (32135) 3.30 Those were the Days (24375) 4.30 Our World (1575) 5.00 Live at Pies (58445) 6.30 Newsine Weskend (11004) 7.30 Feshion TV (36569) 6.30 Holiday Destinations (55527) 10.30 Nevsine Weskend (38337) 11.30 Feshion TV (34917) 12.30am Holiday Destinations (5370) 1.30 Newsine Weskend (29489) 2.30 Cur World (2768) 3.30 Theget (22134) 4.30 Those were the Days (40467) 5.30 Taroet (64522)

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RADIO 5

News and sport on the hour to 12.00. 8.00mm World Service. World News: 8.09 News should Britain; 6.15 The World Teday 8.30 Setundary 8.15 The World Teday 8.30 Setundary 9.15 In Invertible Football: Benclaya Legue — Lede Lied v Windsledon, Man Uld v Sheffield Utd, Cricket, World Cup: England v New Zestand; Rugby Union: A round-up of the league action in England. Wates and Scotland; Rugby League; Reports from a Challenge Cup somi-fies; juds, stitletics from Brimingham, bediention and serves 5.00 Sports Report 6.06 Danny Balter at Sci-O-Str 7.30 Le Top 9.00 Afropop Worldwide 10.00 Cricket World Cup: New Zestand v England. Peter Bauthr joins the commentary team in Wellington, while Jonatham Agnew reports from Adelecte on India v South Africa.

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WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 3

6.55am Weether; News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Bach
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Henz Hollege, obos,
Christiane Jaccottet,
harpsichord); Shostakovich
(Shing Context Ma.) On AB

(String Quartet No 1, Op 49: Brodsky Quartet) 7.30 News 7.35 Morning Concert cont 5 Morning Concert cont: Beethoven (Overture, Leonore No I: Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, Amsterdam under Eugen Jochum): Mozart (Pano Sonats in C minor, K457' Mitsuko Uchida, piano): Sibelius (Symphony No 7, Op 105: Boston SO under Colin David!

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8.30 News 8.35 Scarletti,
Schumtann and Debussy: Tesse Lys, plano, plays
Scarletti (Sonata in D. Kk 491;
Sonata in F minor, Kk 466,
Sonata in C. Kk 420);
Schumann (Kinderszenen);
Debussy (Children's Corner)

9.30 Saturday Review, with Anthony Burton. Record Review Building a Library The organ music of Bustehude by Rodenck Swanston. Rival versions of Meditier's plano concertos are among Russian orchestral releases reviewed by Gerard McBurney; Record Release: Rachmantinov
(Sprang-Cantiata, Op 20.

(Spring Cantata, Op 20: Danish Netional Redio Chor and Symphony Orchestra under Dmitri Kitaenko, with Jorma Hynninen, bantone), Weber (Clarinet Quartet: Wedner (Clariner Counter:
Members of the Vienne Ociet),
Mediner (Piano Concerlo No
2: Gerard McBurney's chosen
version); Robert Swanston
talks to Robert King about The
King's Consort and his love of
Purcell's music: Purcell (Let mine eyes run down with lears; My beloved spake: The Chor of New College, Oxford and The King's Consort under Robert King! 12.55pm Words. The writer and project Aliestic Reston collecte.

lyncist Alistair Beaton reflects on language and how it is

1.00 News 1.05 Gerrick Ohisson, piano, plays Haydn (Sonata in 8 minor, HXVI 32); Chopin (24 Preludes, Op 28i (r) Jaccott
2.05 Rafael Kubellik: The 11th
programme tracing the career 12.00 News

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of the Czech composer leatures records made with the Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra in the 1980s. Wagner (Pretude, Lohengrin, Act I): Brahme (Symphony No 3 in F): Brudener (Symphony No 3 in F): Brudener (Symphony No 3 in D minor, revised version: 1876-7)
4.00 Clera Schamann: Rebecca Hirsch, violin, Caroline Deamley, callo, and John Lenehan, piano, play Tho in G minor, Op 17
4.30 Jazz Record Requests, with Geoffrey Smith 5.15 Third Opinion, with Peter Holland: Includes reviews of Farquhar's The Recrusting Officer at the National Theatre, the Otto Dix exhibition at the Tate Gellery and BBCZ's Screen Two based on Bruce Chatwin's Litz Plus features on training theatre designers and Eadweard Muybridge 8.00 Live from the Met. Don Carlo by Gauseppe Verdi, sung in Italian: Metropolitan Opera Chons and Orchestra under James Levine, with Aprile Millo, soprano, as Elssabetta; Dolora Zalick, mezzo, as Ebok, Michael Sylvester, tenor, as Don Carlo: Vladimir Chemov, bantone, as Rodrigo, Samuel Ramey, base, as Philip I; Sergei Koptichak, bass, as Inquisitor: Jeffrey Welfs, bass, as Inquisitor: Jeffrey Welf as Friar, Jane Bunnell, mezzo, as Tebeldo; John Herton Murray, tenor, as Lerma; Charles Anthony, tenor, as Herald; Hei-Kyung Hong, soprano, as a Voice from Heaven, lact, 7.40 New York Snapshot: Edward Ellis reads from his New York clary; there is anopera quiz and Michael Pye describes the real New York 8.00 Act 3 8.40 Saturday Night in New York Stephen Greco takes Alan Brown on a tour of the different aspects of the city 9.00 Act 4 and 5 10.35 Tuning Up: Hilliand Ensemble performs music by Perotin, Walter Frye, Sheryngham, de Alba and John Casken 11.35 Triple Concerto: Frank Martin (Petrie symphonie concertante: Suisse Romande Orchestra under Jordan, with Frye Geitenter frank from Christiano

Orchestra under Jordan, with Eva Guibentif, harp, Christiane Jaccottet, harpsichord, Ursula Ruttemann, piano)

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11.30 Europhille
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1.10 Any Questions? This week's parel is Dalydd Wigley, MP, president of Plaid Cymru, Sir lan Wingdlesworth, industrialist and former president of the Liberal Democrats, Michael Meacher, MP, Labour party spokesman on Social Security. David Mellor, chief secretary to the Tressury. From Langernith, Gower (f) 1.55 Shipping Forecasts

2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Lines open from 12.30pm.

2.30 Saturdary Ptaythouse: The Broken Butterfly

© CHOICE: In Wally K Daly's over-heated sequel to last Thursday's Butterfles Don't Count, the Catholic priest (Kevin Whately) on whose shoulders a killer's confession landed like a fon of bricks.

snowcers a wiser's confession landed like a ton of bricks, himself becomes the kitter's prey after he eccapes from jail. Utwisely, Daly has seen fit to lie-in the revenge theme with two other plots about the ditemma teced by the priestly conscience when confronted. conscience when confronted with violence, racial

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4.00 Kojak (732779) 4.55 Backstage
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RADIO 4

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4.00 News; Age to Age. Sean
Street reports on plans to
restore London's Lyceum
theatre, and visits the BBC
Sound Archives: And as
Communism disuntegrates in
Europe. Barry Curiffle talks to
Schula Marks about the future
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5.00 Costing the Earth; Richard
Sanders tooks at why the
Country is spending billions
removing nitrales from the
water supply, and then selling
them back to the farmers
5.25 Fourth Column: with Smon
Hoggart and guests 5.50
Strepping Forecast
6.00 News and Sports Round-Up
8.25 Week Ending, with Bill Wallis,
David Tale, Lesley Sharp and
Patnick Marber (s)
6.50 Stop the Week with Robert
Robinson

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7.20 Kaleidoscope: George
Steiner talks about his vision
of the modern world to
Christopher Bigsby (s)
7.50 Classic Seriel
Buddenbrooks: The Decline of a Family by Thomas Mann (parl 5) 8.50 Conversation Piece: Sue MacGregor meets South-

African born actress and director Janet Suzman (r) 9.25 Music in Mind: Brian Kay presents some tayounte

presents some tavourite melodies (s)

9.50 Ten To Ten (s)

10.00 News

10.30 Open Mind Peter Riddell talks to three economists in the Ukraine about the theory and the practice of a market economy 10.45 Travels With Mrs T: David

Beam follows in the footsleps of Mrs Frances Trollope and explores the Harz Mountains some 150 years later 11.00 Richard Baker Compares Notes With sisters and ductioning the first and the state of the sisters and ductioning the first states and ductioning the first states and the sisters and the sisters and the states are states and the sisters are sisters and the sisters and the sisters are sisters are sisters and the sisters are sisters and the sisters are sisters and the sisters are sisters are sisters and the sisters are sisters are sisters are sisters are sisters and the sisters are sisters pianists, Kaha and Manelle

plansis, Raha and Manelle Labeque (r) (s) 11.30 Lip Service: Comedy from Maggie Fox, Sue Ryding and a host of relatives. With Denise Coffey and Malcolm Raebum (s) (s) 12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast

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FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-98.8. Radio 2: FM-86-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.8. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m, 909kHz/330m, World Service: MW-648kHz/463m, Jazz FM-102.2 LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM-97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM-95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM-94.9; Metody FM-104.9.

